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Hundreds rescued as cruise liner sinks in huge seas

From RAY KENNEDY IN JOHANNESBURG

MORE than 500 passengers and crew were rescued from a Greek cruise liner that sank off the Transkei homeland coast of South Africa yesterday, but up to 21 people were still unaccounted for last night.

Helicopters and ships worked for more than 12 hours to pick up people from the Oceanos, which reported that it was listing in heavy seas and storms on Saturday night.

The last crew members were plucked from the liner at midday, and the ship sank about 90 minutes later. Nobody was reported to have been injured and at least 559 people were confirmed to have been rescued last night. The ship's crew was believed to have included eight Britons.

The Oceanos, which set off for Durban from the South African port of East London on Saturday evening, sent out an SOS late that night. The crew reported that she was adrift without power and in danger of sinking 36 miles south of Port St Johns and about three miles offshore. The radio message said the ship was being battered by heavy waves in a 30 to 45 knot south-westerly gale. Radio contact was then lost.

Merchant ships were the first to the rescue and they spent Saturday night picking up passengers from lifeboats and rafts. Fourteen air force helicopters joined the operation at dawn yesterday, while navy divers battled against 20ft waves as they searched for people in the water around the stricken vessel. Helicopters looked for survivors throughout the day and navy divers went on board the ship shortly before she sank. They reported that nobody was left on board.

One of the last people to be rescued was Avgerinos Tsilkis, a casino dealer aboard the Oceanos, who was spotted from a helicopter after surviving in the sea for more than ten hours. He described what happened when the engines of the Oceanos stopped. "The roulette tables toppled over and then the lights went out. Everybody ran and was shouting and looking for life jackets," he said. "The passengers went on deck and they were told they would be taken off the ship first."

The Air Force Rescue Co-ordination Centre said it thought that everybody on board had been rescued, but Brigadier General Theo de Munnink said some people had failed to let officials know whether they were safe.

There was still some confusion last night about how many people had been on board the Oceanos. TFC Tours of Johannesburg, which leased the ship for a luxury cruise, said she was carrying 580 people — 374 passengers, 180 crew and 26 TFC employees. However, Brig-Gen de Munnink said 578 people had been on board. The ship's crew consisted of Greeks, Egyptians, Britons, Hungarians, Poles and Mauritians.

The 7,554-ton ship, which was carrying mostly elderly South African passengers, is rated A1 by Lloyd's insurance company and is owned by the Epirotiki Steamship Navigation Company of Piraeus. She was built in 1952.

Captain Richard Stephen, of the South African navy, said last night that two ships that were known to have picked up survivors had not reported how many people they had on board. Port officials at Durban said Kaszuby 2, a freighter, was expected to dock this morning with 106 survivors. The Nedlloyd Mauritius, a cargo ship, was on her way to Port Elizabeth with 44 people, and the Great Nancy had reported that she had 144 survivors on board. Two other ships had picked up 11 more people. A total of 219 people, mostly crew members, were airlifted to The Haven, on the Transkei coast.

Captain Stephen said that two passengers had telephoned from East London to say that they were safe and it was assumed that they had been rescued by one of the many small private craft that had answered the call for assistance.

Captain Andre Botes, in command of the air force rescue co-ordinating centre, said last night: "The response from all the parties concerned was absolutely fantastic."

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EIGHT Britons working on board the Oceanos were among those rescued as huge waves and strong winds pounded the crippled ship and she drifted towards rocks (Tim Jenkins writes). Michelle Jazrani, aged 24, pictured left, was one of four British croupiers working in the ship's casino. Two British girls were also employed as photographers and another two ran shops.

Catherine McGuire, Mediterranean operations manager for Casinos Austria International, which has the casino concession on the liner, said: "We have been in touch with all the families of our British staff and kept them aware of what was happening as the rescue progressed." Miss Jazrani, from north London, joined the ship four months ago and had another two months of her contract to run. Tony Costano, her boyfriend, said: "We were just desperate to hear news of the survivors. We were told that some of the ship's staff were forced to jump into the sea, but do not know what happened to Michelle."

The other Britons on board included Julia Tsilkis, the assistant manager of the casino, who was on board with her Greek husband Avgerinos, Alex Pike and Mark Twaites, both dealers, and Linda Fran, a shopkeeper.



EC troika fails in Yugoslav peace visit

From DESSA TREVISAN IN BELGRADE AND TIM JUDAH IN ZAGREB

GERMANY last night called for an emergency meeting of European Community foreign ministers after the community's mission to bring peace to Yugoslavia collapsed.

The troika of EC foreign ministers left Belgrade warning of "tragedy and catastrophe", and Hans-Dietrich Genscher, the German foreign minister, asked The Netherlands, which currently holds the presidency, to convene an extraordinary meeting of the 12 foreign ministers today.

"The meeting should discuss the results of the EC troika mission to Yugoslavia and decide on further steps by the EC," a spokesman for Herr Genscher said.

Preparations are also being made for a special session of senior officials of the Conference on Security and Co-operation in Europe, which comprises European states and the United States and Canada. Members have been warned to expect a session of the conference's crisis mechanism on Wednesday, depending on the outcome of the foreign ministers' meeting.

Within the EC the Germans have been the most enthusiastic proponents of a community-brokered settlement. Britain is not enthusiastic about the deployment of an EC peacekeeping force, believing that there is neither the authority nor the ability to protect such a force.

Hans van den Broek, the Dutch foreign minister, said that after two days of talks with Yugoslav leaders "we have to conclude there is no unanimity and that there is a lack of political will which would allow for a comprehensive ceasefire agreement".

Stipe Mesic, the Croatian head of the collective presidency, openly blamed Serbia for the breakdown of the mission. Jacques Poos, the Luxembourg foreign minister, without naming anyone, said: "Responsibility lies with those who want to redraw the internal frontiers of Yugoslavia." When he refused to be drawn further, Mr Mesic interjected: "Obviously Mr Poos means Serbia."

In Zagreb, a tired and tense-looking President Tudjman said: "Unfortunately the EC mission did not produce the desired result ... rather it produced no results at all." But he added: "What is consoling is that the EC has said that the problem of Yugoslavia is so important that it will not abandon its efforts and it will consider further steps." Dr Tudjman did not say what these steps might be or what the Croatian government intended to do now beyond "probably" getting in touch with the United Nations.

Asked whether the Croatian government and parliament would now make a much expected declaration of war, Dr Tudjman would not commit himself beyond saying that Croatia had been trying to avoid this because it was

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TONY WHITE



Pay settlements down

By OUR BUSINESS STAFF

PAY awards in the manufacturing industry are down to 6.5 per cent in the second quarter compared to 8.1 per cent in the previous three months.

A Confederation of British Industry survey published today also shows that one in seven manufacturers have imposed a pay freeze lasting up to six months. Provisional figures from the CBI's pay databank show the sharpest drop for ten years in settlement levels in manufacturing. The report says the deals are now lower than in Germany, where awards averaged 6.6 per cent in the second quarter.

☐ A quarter of a million construction workers are likely to lose their jobs during the recession, according to forecasts from the Building Employers Confederation.

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Birthday wave: Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother leaving Sandringham parish church with the Queen yesterday to the cheers of 1,000 people waiting outside to greet her on her 91st birthday.

She was swamped by children offering flowers and dozens of birthday cards. The Queen Mother enjoyed it all, even when Kate Bush, aged five, of Fakenham, Norfolk, tugged at her arm and demanded "look at me" before curtsying.

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Lilley denies giving Saddam nuclear help

By PHILIP WEBSTER, CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

CLAIMS that Britain could have furthered President Saddam Hussein's nuclear ambitions were sharply rejected by Peter Lilley, the trade secretary, yesterday.

As the dispute over British exports to Iraq during the arms embargo continued to dog the government, Mr Lilley gave a detailed radio response to a series of allegations in Sunday newspapers that Britain had supplied substantial quantities of uranium suitable for the manufacture of nuclear weapons.

He was responding to a report in *The Sunday Times* that 8.6 tonnes of uranium were shipped to Iraq between 1988 and 1990. Amersham International, a Buckinghamshire supplier, has said it supplied about 100kg or a tenth of a tonne (the trade and industry department confirmed 96kg) for use as shields in cameras used in the oil industry.

Mr Lilley, interviewed on *The World This Weekend* on BBC Radio, recalled that he had previously referred to the use of depleted uranium for that purpose. He went on: "They are quite distinct, as distinct as alcohol-free beer from liquors and spirits," he added. "The point about depleted uranium is that most of the valuable material is extracted from it." Iraq did not have the facilities to develop that to make a bomb.

Mr Lilley said a misunderstanding lay behind *The Sunday Times* report because a number of headings had been grouped together in the Customs statistics.

He said that of the 8.6 tonnes, 8.5 tonnes were medical isotopes, wrapped in lead and dry ice, which were extremely heavy. There was a very small quantity of radio isotopes used for medical and industrial purposes. The other 96kg were used in the cameras.

Mr Lilley's lengthy explanation covered uranium. He was not pressed on chemical weap-

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Aircraft fly tons of uranium

By NIGEL HAWKES
SCIENCE EDITOR

EVERY day, tens of tons of depleted uranium overfly the British Isles on Boeing 747s. Nobody takes much notice, because of all nuclear materials, depleted uranium is one of the least likely to cause serious pollution or to be used for making bombs.

According to Boeing, the depleted uranium is loaded in to the tail of the aircraft as a counterweight to keep it balanced. When Flight 103 was brought down by a bomb over Lockerbie in December 1988, its 430 kilograms of depleted uranium were scattered over the countryside but caused no special concern.

Boeing said at the time that depleted uranium had been used in 550 aircraft, though more recent models use tungsten for the same purpose. If all 550 had as much uranium as Flight 103, more than 236 tonnes could have been aloft at any time.

Depleted uranium is what is left after natural uranium has been through an enrichment plant to increase the proportion of the fissile isotope, uranium-235. In uranium ore, U-235 represents only 0.7 per cent of the uranium present; the rest is almost entirely U-238, which cannot be used as a

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Botham returns to 'high-risk' England

By OUR SPORTS STAFF

IAN Botham is at the head of England's "high-risk strategy" to square the Cornhill Test cricket series against the West Indies, but Ted Dexter and the selectors have risked scorn by their choice of wicketkeeper for this week's match at the Oval.

England's 12 for the final Test show four changes from the side beaten at Egbaston, where Viv Richards's team went 2-1 up. The England chairman, Dexter, said: "Only a win will do and this has meant adopting a high-risk strategy."

Jack Russell, regarded by many as the best wicketkeeper in the world, is dropped, as are Graeme Hick, who has fallen from grace after a miserable first four Tests, Allan Lamb, once England's most successful Test batsman against the West Indies, and the spinner Richard Illingworth. Hick responded to the news by scoring a century in Worcestershire's win over Nottinghamshire in the Sunday League.

Botham returns for his first Test since 1989, together with the slow left-arm bowler Phil Tufnell, and Robin Smith, fit after missing the last Test match. Alec Stewart, who has yet to keep wicket for Surrey in a first-class match this season, replaces Russell.

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El Presidente's peaceful reign in Spain



From EDWARD OWEN IN CANDELEDA

EL INGLES may have become El Presidente, but John Major still goes early to the baker's near the peaceful country retreat in the heart of rural Spain where he is staying with his wife Norma.

This is the third year running that the Majors have gone to the large, comfortable house, perched on a hill near Candeleda on the slopes of the Gredos mountains, 120 miles west of Madrid.

As one of the only foreigners in the area, Mr Major is known as *El Inglés* and locals are astonished that although he has become *El Presidente*, nothing seems to have changed. On the first day of his holiday he went into town as usual with a stop at the baker's.

The diminutive La Chancha, 74, and her husband Alejandro, 76, presented him with a huge round loaf inscribed "Welcome" and he picked four pies that looked like Cornish pasties but contained just meat or tuna. "The family always came here and now he does," beamed La Chancha. "He's so sweet. We all kissed each other."

Next *El Inglés*, encumbered for the first time by large security men and cameramen, went to a small supermarket and bought his cold cuts, goat's cheese, yogurt and wine. Then he took a table at the Mary Nieves terrace bar where vines and ivy provide welcome shade and there is a view of the palms in the plaza and the orange trees lining the streets.

"He used to often come here and have a couple of beers," said José Pérez, aged 40, the bar owner who was once an engineer in Chamonix. "He can't speak any Spanish, but we survive in French."

The mayor, José Antonio Pérez, aged 44, of the conservative Popular party, asked Mr Major to sign a book in the town hall and told that him the regional government had laid on a helicopter if he wanted a trip over the mountains.

The mayor said that Mr Major had taken a stroll after getting up to read at 7 am. Mid-morning was time for a dip in the house pool and then the housekeeper, Marcelina, served a simple lunch of *gazpacho*, followed by meat or hake in a sauce. Mr Major is said to be partial to her chilled *limonada* of white wine, lemonade and fruit. The house belongs to the parents of Catalina Garel-Jones, whose husband is secretary of state at the Foreign Office.

The mayor opened the Candeleda tourist office a years ago and he says that Mr Major may attract some business. He could well be right.

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Smoker's disease victim sues cigarette firm after losing legs



Dunn: case is unlikely to reach the courts

JAMES Dunn is the sort of advertisement for cigarettes that the tobacco industry, otherwise opposed to curbs, would be happy to see banned.

Mr Dunn, aged 53, a former civil servant, used to smoke. As a direct result, his legs became gangrenous and were amputated. He is a victim of Buerger's disease, a rare circulatory disorder of which the only known cause is smoking. As such, Mr Dunn is the type of customer that cigarette companies fear. He wants to sue for damages and is convinced that medical evidence is on his side. He has taken legal advice and is supported by Action on Smoking and Health (Ash).

Doctors and lawyers believe that sooner or later a tobacco company will be sued successfully for health damages, and that such a case is almost certain to involve a Buerger's sufferer. "I was told 30 years ago that I had this disease but I didn't known then that cigarettes caused it," Mr Dunn, of Blackburn, Lancashire, said.

"Nobody told me then that, if I carried on smoking, my condition would deteriorate, and that I might lose my legs. But that is what happened, and I feel very angry and bitter."

Buerger's disease causes the arteries, nerves and veins in the legs to become severely inflamed and the blood supply to be blocked, leading to gangrene. The condition is almost unknown in non-smokers and occurs mainly in young men who are heavy

Doctors believe that sooner or later a tobacco company will be sued successfully for health damages. Thomson Prentice reports

smokers. A specialist diagnosed the disease in Mr Dunn in 1961, when he was 23. His legs became increasingly painful and he was examined by many doctors over the next 20 years – during which time he continued to smoke.

"By 1983 I couldn't cope with the pain any more, and I could only walk a few yards at a time," he said. "I went into hospital and had both legs amputated below the knee. They were gangrenous and it was a relief to lose them."

In 1984, fitted with artificial limbs and now a non-smoker, Mr Dunn retired on medical grounds. In 1988, he saw a television programme about legal actions by smokers against tobacco companies, and contacted his solicitor, who in turn enlisted the help of Ash.

Mr Dunn was then examined by Roger Greenhalgh, professor of surgery at Charing Cross and Westminster medical school, London, and a leading expert in Buerger's disease. Professor Greenhalgh confirmed that Mr Dunn had the condition.

Sadly for Mr Dunn, his case is unlikely to reach the courts. Ash sought the opinion of Stephen Sedley, QC, who described Mr Dunn as "courageous" but concluded that the odds were against a successful outcome. "Anybody who takes on pioneering litigation against the tobacco manufacturers is going to encounter a formidable obstacle course," Mr Sedley said.

Jack Straw, Mr Dunn's MP, raised his case with Stephen Dorrell, junior health minister, who acknowledged in a parliamentary written answer that a link between habitual cigarette smoking and the disease was "indisputable". It will take more than that, however, to achieve what would be a unique court-room victory.

Since 1954, about 300 futile actions have been brought in America against cigarette manufacturers, and none has reached the British courts. Three years ago, an American court awarded $400,000 (£236,000) damages to the family of Rose Cipollone, who died of lung cancer in 1984, aged 58. She had been a heavy smoker for 40 years.

Last year, the award was cancelled on appeal, and the US Supreme Court has yet to give a final ruling. Meanwhile all other claims have failed.

Mark Flannagan, assistant director of Ash, said: "It is only a matter of time until a tobacco company is sued successfully. Eventually, a court will be persuaded by the medical evidence of the last 30 years."

Ministers to press ahead with more hospital opt-outs

By PHILIP WEBSTER, CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

THE government will return health to the centre of the political agenda today by inviting applications for a third wave of hospital opt-outs and claiming that within two years half of patients will be treated by self-governing trusts.

In the belief that slowing the pace of reforms now would endanger their eventual success, the government has decided to risk pushing through the second wave of opt-outs in the run-up to the election. Ministers believe there is growing evidence that management, staff and patients appreciate the benefits of hospitals being able to run their own affairs, as shown by the large number of applicants for the second wave.

Labour said that the plans were "madness" and attacked the government for making the announcement during the Commons recess. Harriet Harman, shadow health minister, said that people were against the changes because they were the first step towards privatisation. She said that the government "should, instead, be addressing the real problems, which are the growing waiting lists and the cash-starved NHS".

Ministers predict that, by April, a third of hospitals could be self-governing. There is also confidence that the number of general practitioner budget holders will be doubled to over 3,000 by next year.

Stephen Dorrell, junior health minister, will today announce the list of 113 hospitals and health units seeking independence from health authority control next year. This total includes 107 new hospitals and units and six that applied for inclusion in the first wave but were not considered ready. He will also ask for "expressions of interest" by mid-September of hospitals that wish to be included in the third list.

Raising the prominence of health, an issue on which the government traditionally scores worse in public standing than Labour, is a gamble for the Tories. The dispute over the first wave of 57 opt-outs was a key factor in its loss of the Monmouth by-election and contributed to a big fall in its opinion poll standings.

John Major, however, has approved the decision to press on swiftly with the reforms because of the importance of maintaining the momentum of change. A senior ministerial source said: "Some people said no one would apply. Last year there were more than 60, now there are a further 100. Nobody is compelling hospitals to apply. The benefits are coming through and to hold back now would send all the wrong messages."

Patten accused of 'squalid' tactics

By OUR CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

THE government was accused yesterday of trying to stifle democratic debate by responding to legitimate questions about its record and performance with allegations of muck-raking.

Roy Hattersley, Labour's deputy leader, alleged that every member of the government had been told to abuse opponents to avoid answering questions. He told a meeting in Reading, Berkshire, that responsibility for this "squalid tactic" should lie with Chris Patten, the Conservative party chairman.

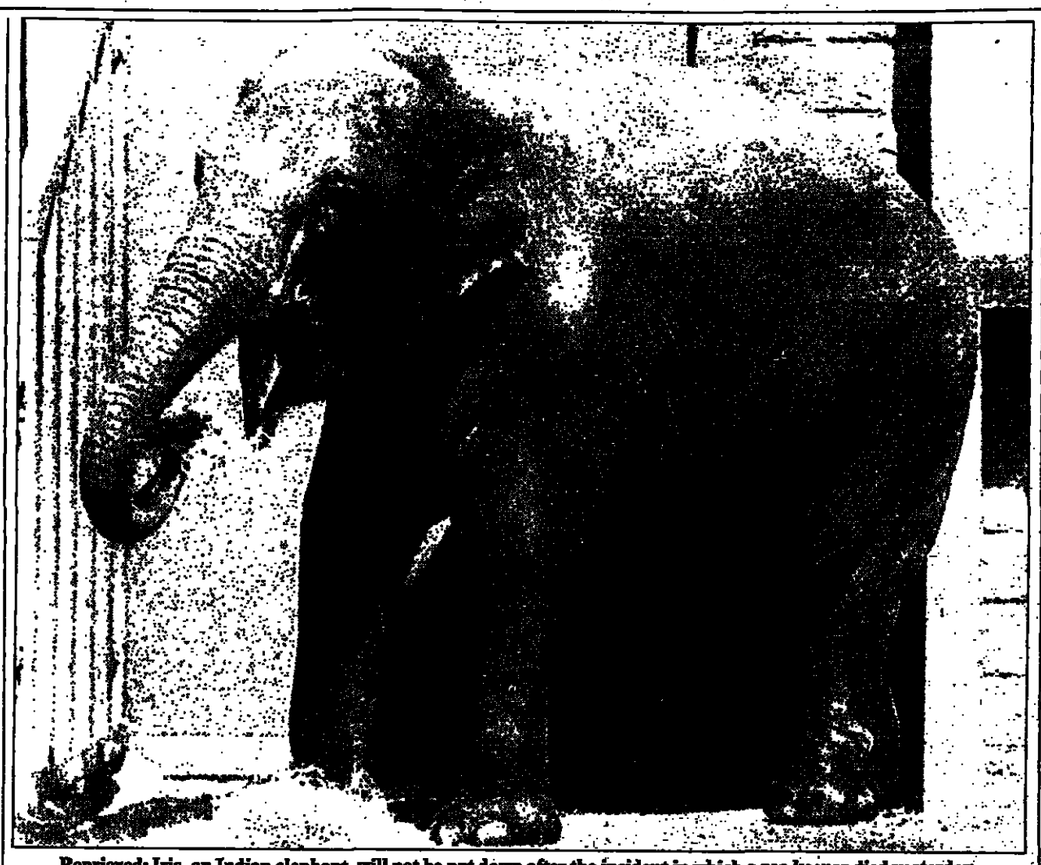
As both main parties showed their determination to keep up the political pressure in August, Mr Hattersley said that the prime minister had accused all those who asked questions about the BCCI affair of smearing his reputation.

"Smears are innuendo. Our charges are direct," he said. "The prime minister acted with ineffectual complacency. That is why he evades the questions." Mr Patten, replying on the BBC Radio 4 *World This Weekend* programme, said that Labour had gone in for personal attacks because they were trying to hit at Mr Major's public popularity.

"It confirms our view that without principles and without policies Labour will go in for more of this. They cannot push Mr Kinnock up in public popularity. They are trying to pull John Major down. They will not succeed."

On the Government's approach to the BCCI collapse, he said: "It is in everybody's interest to be as open about what happened as possible. We have nothing whatsoever to cover up.

"It is hypocritical of Roy Hattersley, in accusing us of trying to spread muck, to imply by what he has said that we are trying to cover up what happened. The Labour party has abandoned the principles it used to flaunt."



Reprieved: Iris, an Indian elephant, will not be put down after the incident in which a zoo keeper died yesterday

Keeper dies after elephant hits him

By ROBIN STACEY

A ZOO keeper filling in for an absent colleague died yesterday when an Indian elephant struck him after he put his head through the bars of her cage.

Nobody saw exactly what happened because Roy Lock, aged 30, an assistant curator at Twycross Zoo, Leicestershire, apparently ignored a standard safety rule not to enter the elephant house alone.

However, Health and Safety Executive investigators said that injuries to his neck and head suggested that he was struck, possibly with the elephant's head, by Iris, a 26-year-old weighing five tons who has been with the zoo for all but six months of her life. Mr Lock is then believed to have banged his head against the bars of an enclosure gate and broken his neck.

Molly Badham, a director of the zoo, said yesterday: "No-one will ever know exactly what happened, but we believe he bent forward in range of her head and she just butted him. It was unlike him to take any chances. He was an extremely careful keeper and fully aware of the dangers of elephants."

She added: "All we can think is he must have lost his concentration for a second and the animal caught him off guard. He had been a zoo keeper for many years and was utterly reliable. We are all very upset."

Mr Lock was helping out with the elephants yesterday because Bill Hubble, the regular keeper, was on holiday, and he knew Iris had been receiving treatment for a foot injury caused by stepping on stones, she said.

Mr Lock was unmarried and lived in a cottage on the zoo site. "His whole life was the zoo," Miss Badham said. "He couldn't get enough. He was always the first in and last out." She said that the elephant would not be put down.

Yesterday, the zoo was open as usual to the public.

Student's body is found in field

By JENNY KNIGHT

THE body of a student aged 21, who was to leave for a holiday in America in a few days, was found yesterday in a field belonging to the National Trust at a beauty spot at Leith Hill, near Dorking, Surrey.

Police believe Sarah Turner had been strangled with a ligature elsehere and driven to the field. Her body was found by a hiker as he walked down the 965ft hill.



Sarah Turner: body found in field by a hiker

Miss Turner had left her family home in Ewell, Surrey, to go shopping on Friday. Her father, Roger, last saw her as she drove off in his beige Mini car, registration CGP 822X, which police are anxious to trace. She was found wearing a blue culottes and denim jacket.

When Miss Turner did not return her parents believed she had gone to a party and stayed overnight with a friend. They did not worry until they heard reports that a woman had been found murdered.

An incident room was set up at Leatherhead Police Station and police asked anyone who was in the area between 1pm and 3.30pm on Saturday to contact them.

A post-mortem examination at the East Surrey hospital, Redhill, confirmed that she had died from strangulation. Her handbag, lipstick, purse and other items were later found in a trail leading to her body. Police said the position of the handbag and other items indicated that there had been no struggle at the scene.

Miss Turner had been due to begin a two-year graphic art course and was looking forward to a holiday in America. She had been working part-time in customer relations for a local firm.

Det Supt Pat Crossan said: "She was a very attractive girl. She had everything to live for and was looking forward to her challenge of going to art college. The family are obviously very distressed. The girl was very close to her parents."

A man was being questioned by police last night after he was detained in Shepherds Bush, west London.

Yard waits for £100m complaints

Scotland Yard confirmed yesterday that it was awaiting details of complaints from investors after a financier disappeared owing an estimated £100 million (Peter Victor writes).

David Rubin, the son of a leading rabbi from the Sassower Hasidic sect, disappeared at the end of last month after he was confronted by investors in David Rubin Associates, his company based in Golders Green, north-west London.

The disappearance of Mr Rubin and the money, invested mainly by orthodox Jewish members of the Sassower and other Hasidic sects, is the subject of investigation by the Bank of England. Civil writs are expected from investors from Tel Aviv and New York.

Poll tax arrears

One in four adults have yet to make their poll tax first payment in the new financial year, and arrears have risen to over £1 billion, according to a Labour survey of work by the Audit Commission, Association of Metropolitan Authorities, Convention of Scottish local authorities, census returns, and the *Municipal Journal*. A total of 4.5 million summonses for poll tax debt have been issued.

Race bias role

The probation service should take a leading role in a new partnership with black community groups to reduce the disproportionate number of coloured people in the prison population, according to a report published today by the National Association for the Care and Resettlement of Offenders. It says probation officers have a key role to play in eliminating racial discrimination in sentencing.

Deeper cuts

More than 20 per cent of the civilians employed by the defence ministry are to lose their jobs because of cuts in armed forces budgets, seven unions claimed yesterday. Senior ministry officials have told the unions that nearly 30,000 out of 140,000 blue and white collar workers employed at army, naval and air force bases would be made redundant, the unions said.

Rice appointed

Tim Rice, the songwriter, is to chair the Foundation for Sport and the Arts which will provide £60 million a year from pools firms for sport and the arts. He will be joined as a trustee by the film director Sir Richard Attenborough; Dame Janet Baker, the opera singer; Christopher Chataway, former Olympic runner; Richard Eyre, National Theatre director; and Sir Clive Lloyd, former West Indies cricketer.

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First Asian chosen for Tory safe seat

By DEAN NELSON

NERJ Deva, a Sri Lankan-born businessman, has been chosen by the Conservatives as the first Asian to fight a Tory-held seat at the next general election.

He was selected to stand in Brentford and Isleworth constituency, west London, after the sitting MP, Sir Barney Hayhoe announced that he would be standing down at the next election. It will be Mr Deva's second election contest – at the last one he was narrowly defeated in Hammersmith, a Labour marginal held by Clive Soley. This time he defends a 7,953 majority, which makes him likely to become Britain's first Asian Conservative MP.

As such, he will not be expecting special treatment. His philosophy is that of the meritocrat. He believes that Britain's black and Asian minorities came to Britain through their own choice, and should not therefore be treated differently. Blacks and Asians must make their own way in life, he says. Advice he has already followed.

He describes himself as an environmental scientist, an aeronautical engineer and a company director. Five years ago he formed the trading company PPA International with sir Anthony Kershaw, a former chairman of the House of Commons select committee on foreign affairs.

Mr Deva has been one of an illustrious line of editors of the Bow Group's political magazine *Crossbow*. The magazine was founded by Harold Macmillan while prime minister, and Sir Geoffrey Howe, the former foreign secretary, at one time edited its pages. Mr Deva is also a former chairman of the Bow Group.

An editorial in *The Sun* newspaper has praised him for pledging allegiance to the Union Jack, and saying that he was proud to be British.

Mr Deva says he is a One Nation Tory, which makes him a natural successor to Sir Barney Hayhoe. But unlike the incumbent, who supported the environment secretary Michael Heseltine to replace Margaret Thatcher, Mr Deva says that he is firmly behind John Major.

He intends to campaign on local issues, in particular the environment and noise pollution from traffic and aircraft. His constituency is close to Heathrow airport.

Mr Deva believes blacks and Asians must integrate themselves more into British political life. They need to have a greater understanding of civic responsibilities, he says. He also believes that more blacks and Asians must register to vote.



Deva: believes that blacks and Asians must integrate themselves more into British political life

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Gunmen kill two in gangland-style 'revenge attack'

By PETER VICTOR

TWO men were killed when masked gunmen fired shots into a crowded public house in what police believe was a revenge attack after a murder earlier this year. Four other men were injured, three seriously, during the attack on Saturday night at The Bell in Walworth, south London.

Two men wearing ski masks entered the public house 15 minutes before closing time and fired a number of shots. A barman and five customers were hit. Scotland Yard said that David Brindle, aged 23, and Stanley Silk, aged 47, both of Walworth, had died in King's College Hospital.

Mr Brindle is thought to have been the target of the attack. The gunmen, armed with a pistol and a revolver, shouted his name before shooting him as he tried to escape by vaulting over the bar. Detective Chief Superintendent Bill Ilsley, leading the investigation, said he was killed by a single shot in the lower body. Detectives believe that the attack was a revenge killing since a relative of Mr Brindle faces a murder charge.

About 15 people were in the bar when the gunmen burst in. Some pushed and threw tables towards the gunmen as their intended target tried to escape. Mr Silk, who had been in the pub drinking with his wife, and the four injured men were all victims of indiscriminate fire, Mr Ilsley said. "It appears as though this is a revenge-type attack. Guns have been used, people have been killed and we are very concerned."

Mr Brindle was the last person to be shot and the gunmen escaped in a red car. One was described as 5ft 10in to 6ft tall and of slim build. The second was reportedly 5ft 8in. Both wore dark clothing.

One of the injured was still in the King's College Hospital intensive care unit yesterday. A second was discharged. The other two were in "serious but stable" condition at Guy's Hospital, south London.

Families of the two dead men were said to be too upset to talk about the killings. Mr Brindle's brother said: "Davey was my mum's youngest son. She is absolutely devastated and doesn't want to talk."

Reg Hunt, The Bell's landlord, who was upstairs at the time of the shooting, said the public house was "a very well run family house".

He said: "I have got very good clientele but I guess the pub is slaughtered now. These people who want to be idiots have killed people and innocent people as well." He said he was shaken by the incident but was more upset for his wife and customers in the public house at the time.

The Bell was sealed off yesterday while forensic scientists examined the scene of the shooting. Traders at the regular Sunday morning market in East Street were shocked by the news of the killings. One stallholder said the public house was "a very nice place for average working people". William Beddard, aged 79, a Bell regular for 30 years, said it did not have a reputation for trouble. "It's an ordinary, pleasant pub."

Steve Hoskins, who heard the shooting from his flat opposite The Bell, said he saw police cars and ambulances strewn across the road. "People were running everywhere. It was just confusion," he said.

Secret operation tackles criminals' breeding ground

Criminals in London's East End are seeing rich pickings squeezed out by covert police investigations, writes Stewart Tendler

SENIOR Scotland Yard officers and detectives across London are studying a report on the success of Operation Crocus, a secret experimental investigation aimed at catching young criminals in the capital's East End.

A traditional breeding ground for criminals, the East End has sometimes been the battleground for competing gangs, notably the Krays. The day of the big gangs is said to be past, but in the 1990s small groups involved in drugs, fraud and extortion still operate.

Based in a surburban police station at Wanstead on the rural edge of the East End, the small Crocus detective team has used informants, extensive computer systems and surveillance technology to target 50 to 60 ambitious criminals. The name and purpose of the operation has been kept confidential and arrests are always attributed to local police stations rather than to the squad.

In just over a year the detective team, drawn from the London police No 2 area, which covers the East End and an adjoining northeastern area, have made 28 arrests concerning drugs, guns, robbery, forgery and fraud involving allegations of offences worth over £70 million.

The squad was established by deputy assistant commissioner Mike Taylor, a former Flying Squad officer and head of the area, and detective chief superintendent Roger Stoodley. It was born from investigations into an unsolved double murder in December 1989. Terence Gooderham, an auditor in the clubs and public houses business, and Maxine Arnold, his girl friend, were shot dead in their car in Epping Forest and the underworld whispered about a protection racket. There was no racket, but the case uncovered new aspects of the London underworld and showed officers a dangerous gap in police operations. Local stations concentrated on small-time criminals while the big Scotland Yard squads like the Flying Squad and regional crime squads fastened on the top league. Between lay a middle layer of criminals who went unnoticed and untouched.

"There is a big vacuum in the middle where criminals are allowed to develop their powers and no one concentrates on them," Mr Stoodley said. "That is when they are at their most dangerous; they are fighting for money, power and territory." By the time the police are alive to the risk, the criminals have made their money and are on their way to a safe exile abroad in places like Spain.

The traditional East End criminal has been brought up to date. He is ready to turn his hand to various enterprises and he lives, according to Mr Stoodley, in a much more violent world. The squad has been drawn into the periphery of two recent murders: no longer drawn to robbery with its attendant risk of discovery, the criminal finds drug trafficking or white collar crime is a quick way to prosperity.

The squad has 18 members, a mixture of experienced and young detectives, drawn on rotation from local stations and costing £2,000 to £2,500 a week in overtime.

SURESH KARADIA



Face of hope: testing time for Harjinder Dhalinal, aged 19, a Cambridge student, who entered the first Miss Asia contest at the Wembley conference centre on Saturday. The winner will be introduced to the Bombay film industry

Jail-strike killer 'is ready to die'

By RAY CLANCY

A WOMAN whose attempt to overturn her conviction for murdering her violent and drunken husband was rejected by the Court of Appeal, said last night that she had gone on hunger strike because her life was the only thing she had left.

Sara Thornton, aged 36, of Atherstone, Warwickshire, has refused food for two days at Bullwood Hall women's prison, Essex. In a statement issued on her behalf by a campaigner she said she was prepared to die.

"They have taken everything, my freedom, my daughter. My life is the only thing I have left," she told George Delf, who has formed the Free Sara Thornton Campaign.

Jack Ashley, Labour MP for Stoke South, wrote to the Lord Chancellor yesterday requesting an appeal to the House of Lords. He said Mrs Thornton, jailed for life in February 1990 for stabbing to death her husband Malcolm, a former policeman, with a kitchen knife in June 1989, should not serve her full sentence. He wrote: "This woman cannot be allowed to serve a life sentence for murder when the judge, Lord Denning, who provided the case law that demanded such a sentence, has now changed his mind."

The "much-criticised sentence" would influence the cases of many other people in the future. Mr Ashley said that the legal system could not "be left in unregulated chaos with judicial decisions in similar cases being so diverse. I urge you again to have an immediate reconsideration of the legal standing of the term 'provocation'."

The Court of Appeal last week refused to hold her conviction unsafe and unsatisfactory and her attempt to have the charge reduced to manslaughter failed.

The judges, headed by Lord Justice Beldam, also refused to certify that her case raised important legal points that justified a hearing in the Lords.

Welsh head west for tea and bards

By JOY JONES

AS THE sailing set headed for Cowes and the annual round of champagne, caviar and social gossip, so the Tafia caravan rolled westwards for strong tea and lamb-burgers at the 1991 Royal National Eisteddfod of Wales.

The festival, in Mold, Clwyd, is the most important event in the Welsh cultural calender and no self-respecting Jones, Jenkins, Parry or Hughes would pass up the annual opportunity to mingle with the bards and the lords of song. The Welsh are the greatest gossips and social climbers in the world – hence the Tafia title accorded to Welsh society.

At the Eisteddfod, careers are made or broken and reputations founder over cups of tea in the hospitality tents. Alcohol is banned on the Eisteddfod field, although it is well known that even staunch supporters of the rule accept invitations to fringe parties. This year's gossip will almost certainly be concentrated on the new independent television franchises.

It is easy to poke fun at the pageantry of Eisteddfod – the harp music and the folk dancing, the colourful ceremonies and the druidic mysteries of the Gorsedd (circle) of Bards – but there is little doubt that in it lies the strength of the Welsh nation and its ancient culture.

William George, the archdruid of Wales, will tomorrow don his robes of white and gold for the Gorsedd ceremony around the Eisteddfod stones before presiding at the crowning of the bard, surrounded by some of the finest talents of Welsh society, from poets to doctors and politicians, who attend the Eisteddfod to reafirm their faith in the mother tongue. Despite the declining numbers of Welsh speakers – rather less than a million – 20,000 people a day will come to Mold and there will not be a dry eye in the pavillion when trumpeters herald a new bard.

Cancer girl scales heights of Ben Nevis

Nicola Manders, aged 12, who has cancer, has achieved her dream of climbing Britain's highest mountain. Nicola, who has an artificial leg, had already conquered Scafell Pike and Snowdon, the highest peaks in England and Wales.

Nicola, from Sherburn, North Yorkshire, took less than six hours to reach the summit of 4,408ft Ben Nevis on Saturday. Her parents, friends, and Chris Chitell and Norman Bowler from the television series *Emmerdale* joined her to raise £3,000 for Candlelights, a children's cancer research appeal.

The RAF sent a Sea King helicopter to help her down. Her mother Corinne said: "She loves climbing and it gives her a boost to show other children what can be done."

Meat firm arson

Animal activists are thought to be responsible for a £500,000 arson attack that destroyed ten articulated lorries at the Midland Meat Packers company at Crick, Northamptonshire.

Word processor

The Welsh language board and ICL have developed a £35,000 spell-check computer program in Welsh for public bodies and private firms that run their businesses bilingually.

Pensioner killed

John Waldren, aged 67, a widower, has been found dead in his flat in Leeds. He was repeatedly stabbed in the neck and his pension money stolen.

Jailhouse phlox

Usk prison in Gwent has won a Wales in Bloom award for its flower displays.

Luck of the Irish

Three people have won more than £1 million in the Irish Republic's national lottery. The winning tickets were bought in Dublin, Galway and Omeath, Co Louth.

Bond winners

Winners in the weekly National Savings Premium Bonds prize draw are: £100,000, bond number 9ES 265596 (winner lives in Staffordshire, value of holding £15); £50,000, 9DK 885879 (Watford, £10,000); £25,000 7VZ 821794 (Berkshire, £1,005).

3 soldiers held over shop raids

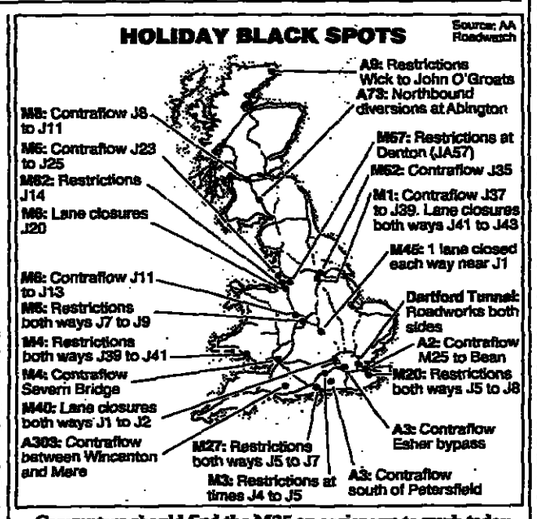
From ANNE MCELVOY IN BERLIN

THREE British soldiers are being questioned by police after armed robberies in northern Germany, the region of army bases.

The privates from the Staffordshire regiment are suspected of carrying out raids on takeaway food shops between May and July. The amounts involved are thought to be small and no shots were fired.

They were recognised as British by staff in one shop and arrested by police last month. They have been handed over to the army. A spokesman said there was no indication that the men had used army weapons in the raids. "They seem to have armed themselves privately."

The men are alleged to have begun their robbery campaign after returning from the Gulf War where they fought in the seventh armoured brigade – the Desert Rats.



Commuters should find the M25 an easier run to work today as two sets of road works and lane closures are removed. The contraflows between junctions 23 and 24 in Hertfordshire and junctions 5 and 6 in Kent have been removed over the weekend. The news from the holiday route to the Kent shipping ports is less welcome, however. Continent-bound traffic will still experience delays due to roadworks at both ends of the Dartford Tunnel, on the A2/M25 junction, and the M20 between junctions 5 and 6. Journeys to the south coast departure points for France will also be hampered by hold-ups. There are lane restrictions on the M27 between junctions 5 and 7 and on the M3 near Southampton between junctions 4 and 5.

AGENDA
The week ahead

Today:
Albert Dryden at Consett magistrates' court, Durham, accused of murdering Harry Collinson, a council planning officer. Colin Moynihan, energy minister, launches advisory group on renewable energy. Study on global harm caused by nuclear weapon testing is launched. Clifford Jones at Liverpool magistrates' court accused of threatening to kill Michaela Strachan, the television presenter.

Tomorrow:
Central Transport Consultative Committee launches its annual report. Plans for National Gallery of Scottish Art launched.

Wednesday:
Queen leaves for Western Isles cruise. Helen Sharman, the astronaut, receives British Interplanetary Society medal. Keeley Beytell-Heron, aged 21 months, Britain's youngest kidney transplant patient, launches National Kidney Research Gift of Life day.

Thursday:
Bob Hope at London Palladium to raise funds for Bob Hope Theatre, south London.

Friday:
Commons Defence Committee publishes report on lessons of Gulf war.

Saturday:
Edinburgh International Film Festival opens.

Sunday:
Edinburgh Festival opens.

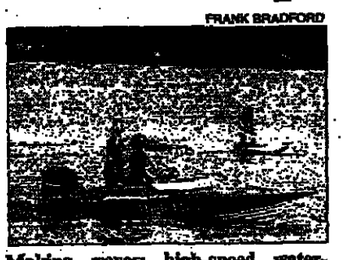
Loch fears influx of power-boats

By KERRY GILL

CONSERVATIONISTS fear that hundreds of power-boats and jet skiers driven off Windermere could move north to Loch Lomond, Britain's biggest stretch of inland water. Scottish Labour MPs are calling for a management body to be set up to control development at the loch.

The conservationists say a regulation that would ban boats on Windermere from travelling at more than 10 mph could force power-boat owners to take their craft 150 miles north to Loch Lomond. The government recently decided against designating the loch and its surrounding area a national park, to the dismay of the Countryside Commission for Scotland and local authorities worried about unwanted development on the loch. Donald Dewar, Labour's Scottish spokesman, and some of his colleagues believe that new controls should be introduced to halt growing congestion.

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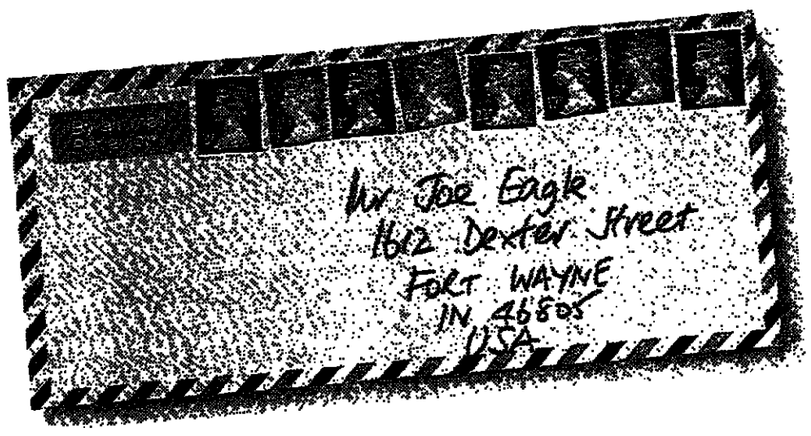
Making waves: high-speed water-sports enthusiasts on Loch Lomond

It is believed that up to 500 more power-boats could be brought to Loch Lomond and that the 24-mile loch could soon end up like Windermere which is estimated to be home to 25,000 craft at the height of the season.

The Countryside Commission said that Loch Lomond's designation as a regional park towards the end of the 1980s was not enough. Its failure to be given national park status came as an acute disappointment.

The Royal Society for the Protection of Birds said that any leisure expansion on the loch would need an environmental impact study. Frank Hamilton, of the society, said that the proposal for a national park had received huge support from local people, but the plan was now on the "back boiler".

The lochside is home to many bird species including redshanks, waders, ring plover and dunlin. High speed boats would scare off swans, geese and cormorants, Mr Hamilton said.



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Price of international calls cut to 199 countries.

In April, BT reduced the cost of calls within the UK by an overall 6%. Now it's the turn of international calls to be cut by almost 10% overall.

The most popular long-distance routes are being cut the most. Calls to Australia and New Zealand by at least 17%, and to the USA and Canada by at least 14%. (A cheap rate call to Canada, including VAT, will come down to just £2.57 for five minutes.)

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In all, prices will be cut on 199 out of the total of 201 routes, with the lowest decreases being 4%.

Discounts for high users.

From September 2nd anyone who spends over £117.50 a quarter, including VAT, on dialled calls will start receiving an automatic volume discount.

The discounts are on a stepped scale – the more you use the phone, the sooner you get to the next step and the less you pay for additional calls. For personal customers, the discount could be up to 8% and for business customers up to 9%.

In addition, we will be introducing Customer Options for high users to give them even better value for money.

The Options offer a reduction in call charges of between 8% and 13.3% in return for a quarterly charge. We will be contacting customers directly with fuller details.

Half price rentals for people who need a phone, but don't use it much.

We know that more than a million of our customers need a phone to keep in touch with the outside world, but don't use it very often.

These are people who regularly spend less than £27.50 a quarter, including VAT, on their phone bill.

We are offering to cut their line rental by half. And, in addition, to give them the first 30 units of phonecalls they make each quarter free of charge – enough to make almost 2 hours worth of cheap rate phone calls.

After that, the next 120 units will be charged at a rate of 18.7 pence each. (We're doing this to ensure that the benefits of the service go only to genuine low users.) After the 120 higher-rate units, subsequent units will be charged at the standard rate of 4.94p (all prices include VAT).

To illustrate the benefits: for someone using only 60 units per quarter, their quarterly bill will be cut by around £3.50 compared to the Low User Rental Rebate Scheme. We're calling this service 'Supportline' and will be contacting all our customers who may benefit from it. (In the meantime, the current Low User Rental Rebate Scheme will continue.)

Obviously, because the Supportline service is aimed at those in need, it does not cover usages such as second lines, business lines, and dedicated lines that monitor alarm systems.

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The price of local calls and national cheap rate calls is going up by slightly under 5% – which is less than the rate of inflation.

The price of daytime national calls will not be changing. And the price of our most popular call – a three minute local cheap rate call – will remain at 4.94p (including VAT). This is the same price in pence as in 1981. Allowing for inflation since then, the cost of a three minute local cheap rate call has fallen by almost half.

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Three-year health checks attacked as waste of time

By THOMSON PRENTICE, MEDICAL CORRESPONDENT

REGULAR health checks offered to patients by family doctors are likely to be a waste of time and money, the Royal College of General Practitioners says today.

The three-yearly checks, introduced as part of the doctors' new contract last year, are criticised by John Noakes, vice-chairman of the college's council, in this month's issue of *The British Journal of General Practice*.

"The evidence so far is that the checks will be a time-consuming and costly exercise for minimal reward," Dr Noakes says. Nine out of ten patients already see their GP at least once in three years, while urine tests and height measurements, required under the terms of the contract, have little or no scientific value, he argues.

The checks also include screening for various illnesses, but such tests can produce unnecessary anxiety and false expectations among patients, as well as causing a big increase in the workload of general practices, he says.

"There appears to be an increased public appetite for screening. Firms and individuals are seeking private screening, often of a complex nature.

"Some pharmacists and others are offering blood pressure and cholesterol testing. However, those performing these tests rarely accept the responsibility for follow-up.

"It is assumed that the government's insistence on health checks is based on good intention and perhaps a feeling of public demand. In the main, however, these health checks cannot be supported by scientific evidence."

Dr Noakes says the final judgment on the three-yearly checks will be whether illnesses and deaths can be reduced. "This will take a long time to determine. The evidence so far is that it will be a time-consuming and costly exercise for minimal reward."

He suggests that a policy of targeting high-risk groups opportunistically in the surgery would be more cost-effective and would produce better health among patients.

Under their contract, effective from April this year, family doctors have to offer a check-up every three years to all patients aged between 16 and 74. Each should receive an invitation to attend the doctor's surgery for a check-up.

The doctor is required to take details of the individual's medical history in respect of illnesses, immunisations, allergies, hereditary diseases, medications and any tests for cervical or breast cancer. The patient's life style then has to be recorded, with the doctor noting details of diet, exercise, smoking, alcohol consumption and misuse of drugs or solvent.

The state of the patient's health has then to be noted. Finally, the doctors are expected to offer the patient a physical examination recording height, weight and blood pressure, and to take a urine sample to identify the presence of albumin, or glucose, indicators of kidney infections or diabetes.

The British Medical Association said yesterday it shared the view that the three-yearly check-up was a waste of time and not clinically valid. It said: "What is the purpose of measuring the height of the patient? All the rest of it is fairly obvious stuff that GPs do as a matter of course, but they resent being told to do it."

Stress takes toll in the workplace

By RUTH GLEDHILL AND PAUL WILKINSON

TWO surveys published today indicate that all is not well in the workplace. One suggests that "yuppie flu" is a threat to many more than the high-fliers believed at first to be its only victims. The other says that stress at work is increasing at an alarming rate.

The uncertain economic climate could be behind the rise in stress, according to the author of the stress report, the Rev Rowland Goodwin, senior missioner of the Greater Manchester Industrial Mission.

His findings, published in his annual report on sickness absence, are based on figures from the benefit directorate of the department of social security. The number of days lost through neurotic disorders among men rose by 6.8 per cent to 22.3 million days and by 19.8 per cent to 16 million days among women in the 12 months from April 1989.

Among men, the number of days lost through hypertensive diseases rose 4.8 per cent to 10.6 million; depressive disorders by 17.3 per cent to 11.2 million; alcohol dependence 44.3 per cent to 1.9 million, drug dependence 34.9 per cent to 329,600 and heart disease 7.1 per cent to 46.8 million.

Among women, the number of days lost through depressive disorders rose 21.7 per cent to 9.5 million and drug dependence, which did not register as a cause of certified sickness absence in 1980 accounted for 162,500 days in 1989-90. Mr Goodwin, who offers workshops, counselling and stress management advice through the industrial mission, said: "The cost in lost productivity is enormous. The social cost at home, where the repercussions of stress at work will be felt, hardly bear thinking about.

"The uncertain economic climate, the threat of business failure and redundancy and the additional workload caused by staff who are dispensed with and not replaced must, overall, be contributory factors."

The claim that yuppie flu is now affecting teachers and even manual workers, comes in a survey of 180 GPs' practices in the Highlands and Western Isles region of Scotland. Teachers and students make up nearly a quarter of sufferers, it said, while professionals comprised only 5 per cent affected by the illness known medically as chronic fatigue syndrome (CFS) or myalgic encephalomyelitis (ME).

Skilled or unskilled manual workers accounted for 17 per cent of those affected, 16 per cent were retired and 13 per cent were housewives. Of the rest, 11 per cent worked in the service industries, 9 per cent in secretarial or clerical work and 7 per cent were hospital workers. The study, published in the British Journal of General Practice, showed that most GPs now accept the existence of the disease.

TED DITCHBURN



Uncertain outlook: Tim Collins, conservation officer with the Spurn Heritage Coast project, keeping watch at Spurn Head, the 3.5-mile finger of land in the Humber that briefly became an island in April and faces the same prospect next month. This week the Spurn Heritage Coast project, founded by local councils, opens a two-mile footpath through Spurn's sand dunes. Until now sightseers and birdwatchers had to negotiate the beaches or use the single-track, concrete army road down to Spurn Point. It is uncertain how much longer they will be able to do that.

For two days in April, the 30 people who live on Spurn Point — lifeboatmen and their families — became islanders when a force-eight gale blew up a spring tide. After having been invaded five times by the sea during the winter, the road finally disintegrated just to the north of the narrowest section of the peninsula, where it is only 20 yards from beach to beach, 2.5 miles from Spurn Point. The Yorkshire Wildlife Trust, which has helped to meet the cost of the footpath, is expecting the peninsula to be breached again next month with the high tides of the equinox.

Mr Collins, pictured close to posts marking the new path's route, said yesterday: "We don't know what will happen, whether Spurn will become an island or whether you'll still be able to walk the peninsula at low tide. But we get a lot of visitors here and for the time being at least the new footpath will make it easier for them."

Hodgson holds on to lead

By RAYMOND KEENE
CHESS CORRESPONDENT

JULIAN Hodgson, the London grand master, stayed ahead in the British chess championship at Eastbourne when he drew his game against the Indian grand master Dipu Barua in 42 moves of an old Indian defence.

The draw was Hodgson's first in six rounds of the championship, leaving him with five and a half points from six games. Peter Wells, the young Oxford international master, moved into second place on five points by defeating John Emms. The defending champion James Plaskett, grand master from Bedford, defeated Britain's top woman player, Susan Arkell. Plaskett now has four points.

David Norwood, grand master from Bolton, lost his third game in the competition, this time to the youth player Michael Hennigan. Norwood has three points out of six. There are five rounds to be played and the competition finishes on Friday.

European motor city project to sell cut-price cars speeded up

By KEVIN EASON
MOTORING CORRESPONDENT

PLANS by a British consortium to build a "motor city" in Belgium, where motorists can buy cut-price cars, could be speeded up.

The European Motor City, a 60-acre showroom with 2,000 new cars on sale, could attract thousands of customers from all over Europe, a report by Ludvigsen Associates, one of Britain's leading analysts, says. Heathgate Properties, the consortium behind the project, says British buyers will be able to take the Channel tunnel trains or ferries to visit the £40 million complex at Tournai.

The project is the most ambitious of its type in Europe and would allow customers to choose between dozens of makes of car under one roof as well as offering theme park facilities for the rest of the family. The project



also comes at a key time as the Monopolies and Mergers Commission investigates complaints that car prices in Britain are as much as 50 per cent higher than in other European markets, particularly Belgium.

The Heathgate plans, to be disclosed this week, show that potential buyers will be able to test cars on a 1.4 kilometre circuit or take a four-wheel-drive vehicle over a rough-terrain "jungle" track.

Other attractions will include museums, racing car simulators, a go-kart circuit and radio-controlled cars. Heathgate asked Ludvigsen, which is also working for the commission on its investigation into car pricing, to establish the viability of the project.

The report from Ludvigsen's Euromotor marketing services (EMS) division says that the retail motor industry faces a revolution on the scale of changes that have affected other retail sectors, such as DIY shops and supermarkets.

Gary Axon, EMS managing associate, said: "If people want to buy some paint they go to a DIY superstore, not to the man down the road in a corner shop. The motor industry will go the same way and the motor city offers the prospect of seeing many cars under one roof for comparison, something which does not exist unless buyers are willing to trail from one stand-alone dealership to another."

The projected opening in 1993 would also coincide with a push by Japanese manufacturers wanting to increase substantially in Europe sales of their British-built cars.

With dealerships difficult to establish across France, Spain and Italy, the Ludvigsen team believes that Belgium would offer a central location with a catchment area of 70 million consumers for the Japanese manufacturers to exploit.

Even if prices between nations level out under stricter EC rules, Belgium is likely to maintain an advantage because of its government's strict price controls. An estimated 70,000 vehicles a year sold in Belgium go abroad, mainly to France, but also to Spain and Britain.

The report adds: "Can the car retailing system retain a separate indentity and insulation from this consumer convenience revolution despite the different nature of its product? The answer is almost inevitably no."

Hospitals to discuss security

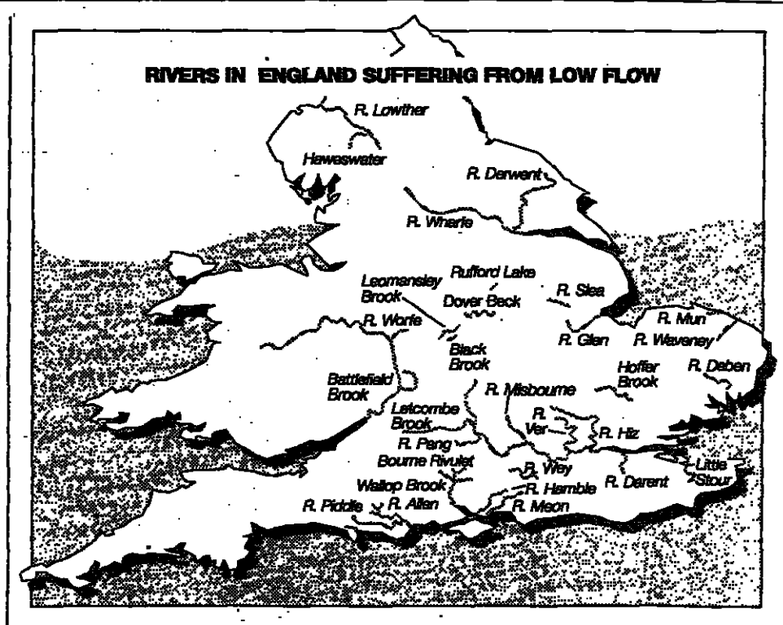
By RAY CLANCY

SECURITY at special hospitals where dangerous patients such as James Saunders, the rapist, are detained is to come under the spotlight at a meeting this week.

Peter Thompson, director of the Matthew Trust, a mental health reform group, is to meet Charles Kaye, chief executive of the Special Hospitals Service Authority, which runs Broadmoor, the psychiatric hospital in Berkshire from which Saunders recently escaped. He was recaptured two days later, and William Waldegrave, the health secretary, has ordered an enquiry into the break-out.

The meeting on Wednesday is expected to produce positive policies that can be adopted in the hospitals. The internal enquiry into the Saunders incident has already strongly criticised lack of vigilance by staff at Broadmoor.

Mr Thompson and Mr Kaye will discuss the retraining of staff with regard to security, particularly on how to keep alert and observant. It is felt that hospitals have relied too much on surveillance cameras. Both organisations support the idea of nursing staff having only a supportive and therapeutic role, responsible for patients' internal movements rather than for full-time security.



Council urges water watch

By JOHN YOUNG

THE Council for the Protection of Rural England is urging people to watch for signs of declining river quality and to report any concern they feel to local authorities, or to statutory bodies such as the National Rivers Authority.

In a leaflet published today, the council says that visible signs include pollution in the form of scum, on the surface, dead fish or carelessly dumped litter, overcrowding of boats, or a river drying out where previously it had not.

"With many rivers drying out as groundwater levels continue to fall, it is increasingly vital that we recognise the value of our rivers, and involve the public in their protection," William Sheate, the council's water campaigner said yesterday.

● On Saturday the council called in a letter to *The Times* for the powers of the National Rivers Authority over land drainage not to be passed to the agriculture ministry.

Andrew Purkis was one of five leading environmentalists who wrote that such a move could "have far-reaching consequences upon the natural environment".

Leading article, page 15

Queen's favourites on 'yob dog' list

CORGIS, beloved but sometimes belligerent companions of the Queen, are included in a list of "yob dogs" published today, alongside poodles, pit bull terriers, rottweilers and alsatians.

A "nob dogs" list, chosen as "acceptable companions for an English gentleman", comprises, predictably, Labradors and springer spaniels but also Jack Russells, mongrels, lurchers and Pekinese. The lists are compiled by *Harpers and Queen* magazine, which comments: "The Queen may be interested in judging retrievers — indeed it is said to be the one area in her life she doesn't mind publicity about — but the upper classes as a whole retain a devotion to dilapidated crossbreeds and ratty mongrels."

Accessories for pampered dogs are also investigated by the magazine. Those on offer included sports shoes at £18.75 for four, waxed cotton coats with button-down collars at £30.50, and mahogany dog beds copied from one owned by the Rockefellers at £345 each.

☐ A young mother was recovering yesterday from an attack by her Staffordshire bull terrier, Floyd. Lynn Claridge of York was attacked by the dog when she tried to stop him fighting with a neighbour's rottweiler. Mrs Claridge was pinned to the ground as the dog clamped its jaws round her mouth, partly ripping off her bottom lip.

The dog is at an RSPCA home and its fate will be decided this week. The Dangerous Dogs Act comes into force next week, making it a criminal offence to keep a fighting dog in public without a muzzle and leash.

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Investigators move in after sinking of Greek passenger liner off South Africa

Ship owners to set up enquiry into loss

By MICHAEL DYNES, TRANSPORT CORRESPONDENT

AN investigation is to be made into the loss of the Oceanos, the 39-year-old passenger liner sailing under the Greek flag that sank off the cost of South Africa, the vessel's owners said yesterday.

Despite early reports that there were insufficient lifeboats for all the passengers, the vessel appears to have met all the necessary passenger safety requirements laid down by international maritime regulations. Shipping experts said, however, that the high seas would have made it very difficult for the lifeboats to be launched.

The vessel sank in what rescue officials said were mountainous seas about 13 hours after broadcasting a Mayday distress signal saying that the engines were flooded. A spokesman for the Epirotiki Steamship Navigation Company, which owned the vessel, said that there was insufficient information to explain why the ship foundered.

The 14,000-tonne ship was built in 1952 as a passenger cargo vessel, rebuilt in 1978 as a passenger liner, and refurbished again in 1983, equipping it with a swimming pool, a casino, shops, bars, a discotheque and a hospital. For the refurbishment the Oceanos would have had to comply with the 1974 Safety of Life at Sea (Solas) convention, which was updated in 1983, before being given its passenger ship safety certificate, which has to be renewed annually. The vessel had also been granted 100 A1 status from Lloyd's Register.

The Solas convention, which was drawn up by the International Maritime Organisation, the London-based United Nations agency responsible for safety at sea, requires all passenger ships to provide sufficient life-saving appliances, including lifeboats, life rafts and life jackets for all passengers. It sets standards for the condition of the hull, the engines, navigational equipment and fire prevention. The regulations are enforced by national authorities and monitored by other countries that have signed the convention.

Solas signatories are required to go to the assistance of vessels in distress, an obligation which it was estimated was honoured yesterday by six merchant vessels and one South African warship, thereby preventing a more serious incident.

The convention has been criticised by some safety experts because its provisions are not retroactive. Any modifications to the regulations are applied only to new vessels, leaving older vessels to adhere to previous regulations. Shipping experts insist, however, that retroactive application of new regulations would put hundreds, if not thousands, of ships out of business.

A statement from the Epirotiki company, which is based in Piraeus, Greece, said that the 495ft vessel had been rebuilt and modernised to carry 516 passengers in 258 cabins on seven decks. "Oceanos is one of the most popular ships in the Epirotiki fleet, besides being an excellent sailor with her 23ft draught," it said.

Epirotiki Lines, which owns nine cruise vessels, operates all over the world, although most of its activities are concentrated in the Mediterranean and the Caribbean.

An international anti-pollution taskforce capable of supervising the rapid response needed to contain environmental hazards caused by maritime accidents, particularly supertanker disasters, is being planned for London.

The new force would be responsible for drawing up global accident contingency plans, arranging regional stockpiles of equipment and chemicals needed to fight large oil spills, and co-ordinating anti-pollution specialists.

The initiative stems from the Exxon Valdez incident off the coast of Alaska in 1989, when an estimated 267,000 barrels of crude oil were spilled into Prince William Sound with devastating environmental consequences. While attention focused on the $2 billion clean-up operation, environmental organisations were astonished at the lack of centralised information on anti-pollution resources.

Many countries are effectively left on their own to fight oil spills without any mechanism to facilitate support from neighbouring countries. The proposed task force is the initiative of the International Maritime Organisation.

Hundreds rescued, page 1



Dying moments: the 39-year-old Greek-registered passenger liner Oceanos listing in heavy seas off the Wild Coast of South Africa just minutes before sinking. Most of the 582 passengers on the 495ft, 14,000-tonne vessel have been accounted for, picked up by helicopters and passing ships

RESCUE COUNTDOWN

Searchers combat heavy seas to reach survivors

By LIN JENKINS

THE Oceanos sent a distress signal at 11pm on Saturday night as she was taking in water and foundering in high winds gusting up to 88 mph just off Coffee Bay in an area known as the Wild Coast because of its fierce weather and shipwrecks.

She reported: "We have heavy waves . . ." before radio contact was lost leaving the monitors in Cape Town and Durban to conclude that the ship was sinking or being abandoned. In fact, the engine room had flooded causing a power loss. The vessel was drifting towards the coast as passengers pulled on lifejackets and huddled on deck, or jumped into the sea.

Aircraft from the South African Air Force were sent to pinpoint the vessel. Winds of 60mph hampered the rescue efforts of more than 15 helicopters sent to winch passengers and crew to safety. Navy divers battled 20ft waves as they searched the waters around the stricken vessel while air force planes patrolled the area. All shipping was told of the emergency and during the night a flotilla of merchant ships headed for the site to search for survivors, although conditions were so bad that none could get near the crippled ship.

Some lifeboats were launched from the ship, despite increasingly difficult conditions. They drifted in the heavy swell, packed with mostly elderly passengers, as other life-rafts were droppd from the air for those who had jumped into the water.

Major Jerry Evert, of the air force, said that the situation had been very dangerous. "The seas were so heavy the other ships could not get along side the liner and it was drifting on to the rocks." More than 200 people were taken off by helicopter while those in lifeboats were picked up by different ships, including an oil tanker.

Those co-ordinating the rescue received radio messages that 106 people had been picked up by the Kaszuby 11, 44 by the Nedlloyd Mauritius, three by the Anik and eight by the Reefer Duchess. There were fears that many were missing until a call was received from the Panamanian-registered Great Nancy which reported having 161 survivors. The last crew members were picked up more than 12 hours later, 90 minutes before the Oceanos sank beneath the waves as helicopters and planes continued to fly overhead to make sure that no survivors remained in the water.

Major Evert said: "It was great news, fantastic, to get the call from the Great Nancy. We do not know that everyone is safe."

CARGO LOSS

Ships collide in Gibraltar fog

From ASSOCIATED PRESS IN CEUTA

A NORWEGIAN cargo ship carrying 4,592 cars collided with a Liberian ship in dense fog in the Strait of Gibraltar yesterday and sank two hours later, a government spokesman said. An officer was reported missing from the Norwegian vessel.

The collision between the Norwegian ship Lane and the Liberian container ship Auto Coach happened four miles off the Spanish North African port of Ceuta, the spokesman for the civil governor's office there said. He said the Lane was carrying 760 tons of fuel oil and 150 tons of diesel fuel when it sank in the narrow strait separating Europe from Africa.

He added that the Lane's engine room caught fire. The 21-man crew were able to abandon the ship before it sank. One officer reportedly fell overboard and has not been seen since. His nationality was not immediately known. Two tugs from Gibraltar rescued the Lane's other 20 crew.

They and the 21 crew from the Auto Coach were taken to Ceuta. The spokesman said a small fire aboard the Auto Coach was extinguished but the vessel, carrying 800 cars, was listing badly.

Zimbabwe bus crash kills 80 children

From ASSOCIATED PRESS IN HARARE

A SPEEDING, overcrowded bus overturned on a winding road, killing 80 schoolchildren and seven adults in Zimbabwe's worst road accident, police said yesterday.

The driver, who was begged several times to slow down before the disaster, also died, officials and witnesses said. Eleven other pupils and a teacher, returning from a sports outing, were critically injured.

Among the dead teachers was one foreigner. Dutch-born Will von Kalmthout, aged 39, who was identified by her husband of two months, Marcel. Police ordered an enquiry into the cause of the crash. State radio said it appeared that the brakes had failed.

The B and C Company bus was traveling from St Killian school in the eastern Zimbabwean town of Rusape to the pupils' Regina Coeli school, 100 miles northeast, when it turned near the mountain resort village of Nyanga, police said. The bus was overcrowded with nearly 100 passengers at the time, police said. It was licensed to carry no more than 75 passengers.

Relatives picked through mangled remains of children in Nyanga hospital yesterday, the semi-official Zimbabwe Inter-African News Agency (Ziana) reported. Liliosa Manjoro, a teacher, told Ziana that the driver was speeding through the night after the sports outing, despite appeals to slow down.

Miss Manjoro said she fell asleep, but was jolted awake when the bus veered off the road and almost plunged into a ditch. "The sportsmaster again gave the driver a strong warning, telling him to reduce speed as they were approaching steep gradients," Ziana quoted the teacher as saying. "The driver stubbornly refused."

Just before the bus overturned near the village of Troutbeck, children were also begging the driver to stop and let them walk the remaining 20 miles. Miss Manjoro fell asleep again, but this time was awakened by a "a sudden loud bang and frantic screams". People lay groaning in the wreckage. She was the only survivor able to speak. Others had been sedated.

CRUEL SEAS

Wrecks litter treacherous coast

By BARBARA MANNING

SOUTH Africa's south-eastern coast is one of the world's most treacherous for shipping. Under certain weather conditions exceptionally high waves can occur when a local depression moving east-north-east stirs strong southwesterly winds which generate sea waves 25 to 30ft high.

A ship riding head-on into a large wave will take a sudden bow-dive as the water scoops out a trough twice as deep as the one formed by the swell. Almost simultaneously a wave twice as high as the normal roller breaks on the vessel. The loss of the Waratah in 1909, one of the great sea mysteries of this century, is believed to have resulted from an encounter with one of these huge waves.

A spokesman at the weather office said yesterday that a local depression was moving east-north-east on Saturday and strong westerly winds were gusting up to 84mph. In chronological order, ships lost off the Transkei coast include:

Sao Bento (April 21, 1554): Portuguese East-Indiaman wrecked at the mouth of a gully on the seaward side of the island at Msikba River mouth on the Pondoland coast after being disabled in a storm. More than 100 slaves and 44 Portuguese lost their lives, while 98 Portuguese and 224 slaves landed safely.

Nossa Senhora de Belem (July 24, 1635): Portuguese East-Indiaman wrecked northeast of Port St Johns while on a voyage from Goa to Lisbon. No lives lost.

Grosvenor (August 4, 1782): British vessel of 729 tons, wrecked during a southwest gale in a large gully to the northwest of Tezani Stream near Port Grosvenor in Pondoland. Of the 150 people on board, 128 set out on an epic journey to the Cape through native territory.

Lieole (April 12, 1829): French ship wrecked 30 miles southwest of the Bashee River while on a voyage from Calcutta and Reunion. Twelve men died.

Couch (November 7, 1847): Schooner wrecked on the bar at Port St Johns after wind failed. No lives lost.

Alice Smith (December 21, 1861): Cape Schooner of 60 tons wrecked on the rocks at Port St Johns. No lives lost.

William Shaw (December 9, 1873): Schooner wrecked on sand banks in the Mzimvubu River mouth at Port St Johns.

Calcutta (July 28, 1881): American ship of 843 tons wrecked southwest of Xora River mouth. The captain and 12 crew were drowned, three were saved.

SS Alfredia (July 10, 1887): Screw steam of 39 tons, wrecked at Port St Johns while on a voyage from Natal to East London. No lives lost.

Idomeme (November 14, 1887): Iron ship of 1,390 tons, wrecked at Qora River while on a voyage from Rangoon to London with rice cargo. The captain and 12 crew were drowned.

Circassia (November 10, 1894): Norwegian wooden barque of 487 tons, wrecked near Qora River mouth. No lives lost.

SS Clan Lindsay (March 20, 1898): Steamer of 2,668 tons wrecked at Clan Lindsay Rocks in Mazeppa Bay while on a voyage to Mauritius. No lives lost.

SS Obell (December 29, 1916): British vessel of 1,797 tons, wrecked southwest of the Bashee River while on a voyage from Madagascar to England.

SS Frontier I, formerly Limpopo (November 20, 1926): Twin-screw steamer of 2,668 tons wrecked with cargo, including 100 pigs, which swam ashore.

MV Frontier II formerly Kornbaus I (April 7, 1938): Twin-screw motor vessel of 163 tons, wrecked on Shixina Point.

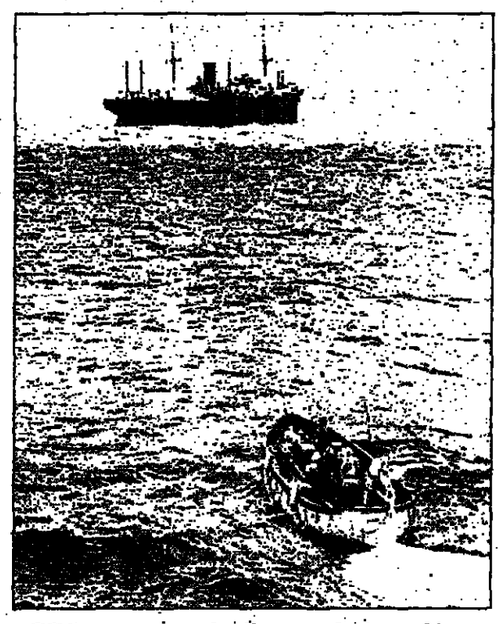
SS Meliskerk (January 10, 1943): Dutch cargo vessel of 6,045 tons, wrecked a few miles northeast of Port St Johns.

MV Forresbank (November 10, 1958): Twin-screw freighter of 5,155 tons wrecked southeast of Mtakatve River after catching fire on a voyage from Cape Town to Durban to load anthracite.

MV Horizon (May 12, 1967): Coaster of 2,081 tons, wrecked five miles southwest of Port St Johns near Mngazi River with a cargo of cement and liquor.

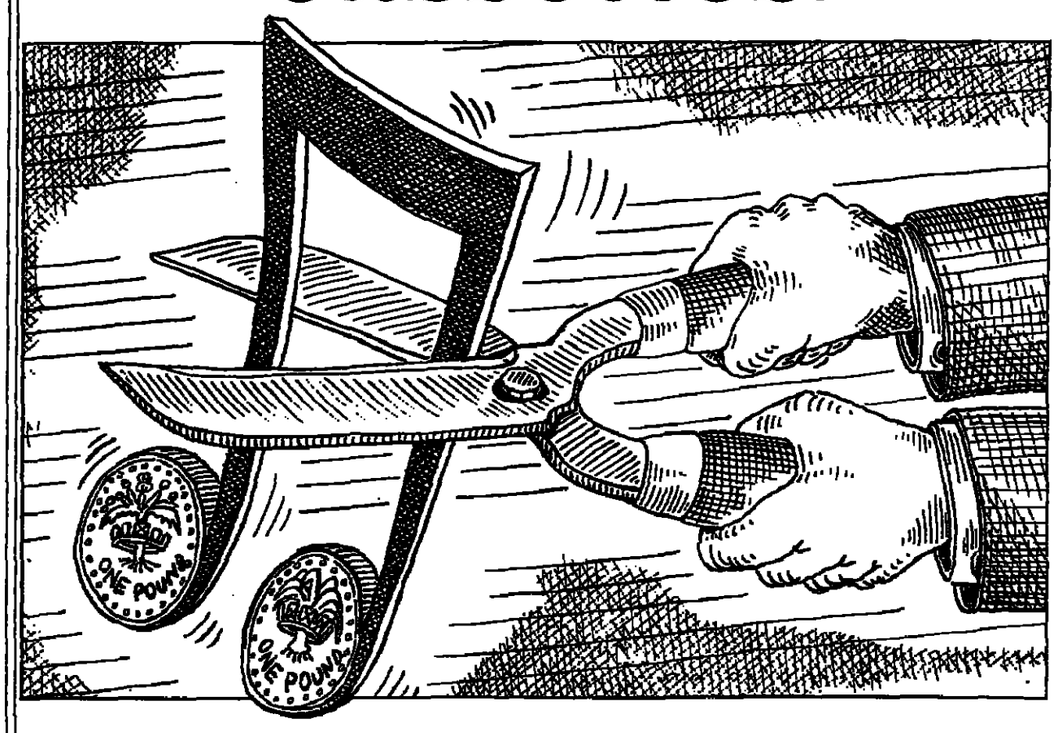
MV Jacaranda (September 18, 1971): Greek freighter of 1,591 tons, wrecked southwest of Kabongaba River after experiencing engine trouble.

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Wild coast: rescuers heading towards the smoking freighter Forresbank off Cape Province in 1958

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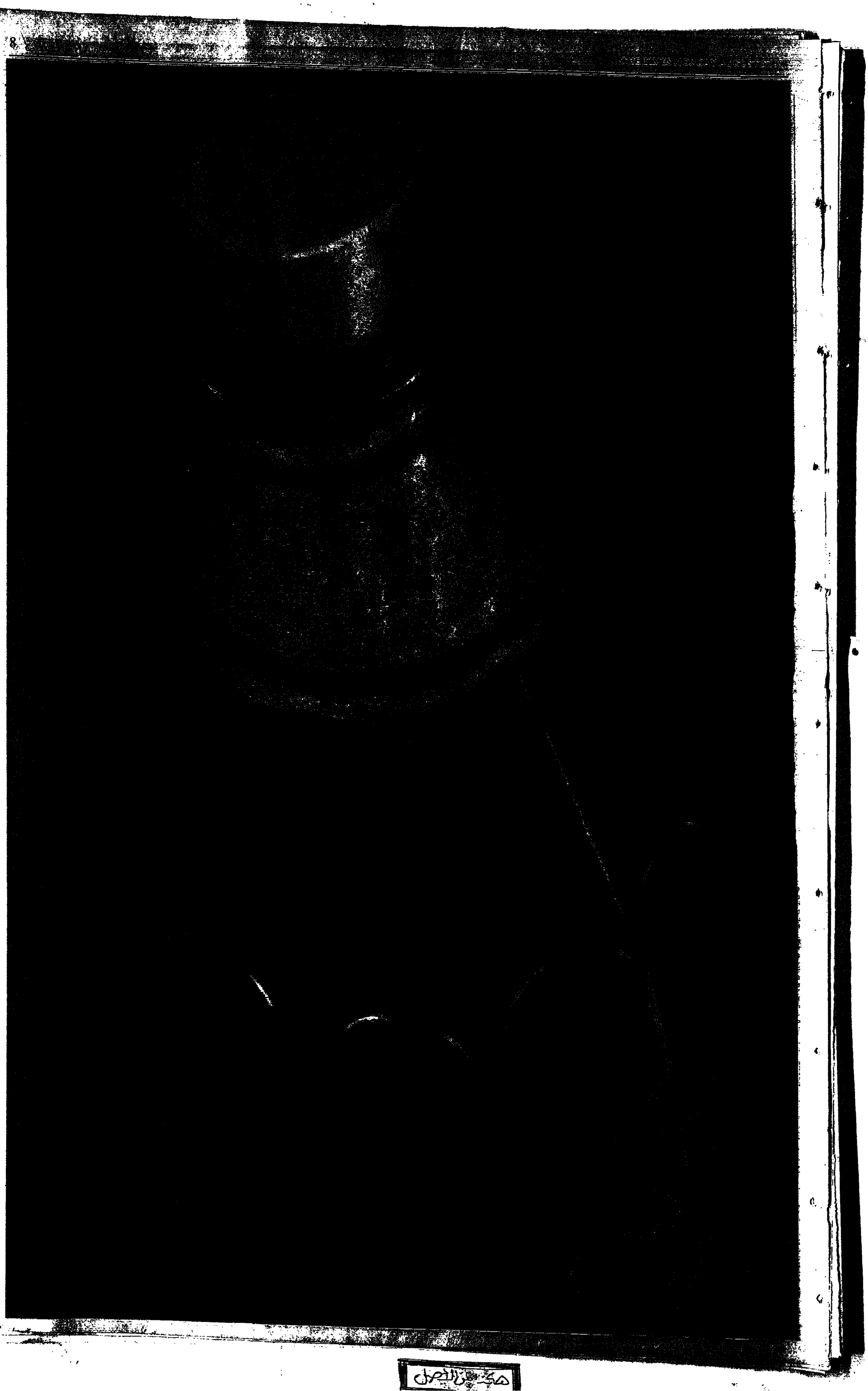
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Dearth of challengers as Bush gears up for the 1992 polls



Quayle: no more talk of him being replaced

TO THE surprise of none, but the possible regret of some of his family, President Bush has begun to gear up for a re-election bid in 1992. Last Friday the 67-year-old president all but announced his intention to run again when he said that only his health would stop him, but that he felt "like a million dollars".

Over the weekend Mr Bush held his first formal discussions about the coming campaign with a core group of about 25 close advisers at Camp David. Those present agreed that fund-raising and campaign organisation should begin next month, and that Mr Bush should formally declare his candidacy early in the new year. The presidential election takes place next November.

Mr Bush has enjoyed record poll ratings since the Gulf war, and it has been widely assumed that he would not only stand but win comfortably, but niggling doubts had been raised in recent days by Barbara Bush. In interviews she gave during the Moscow summit last week, Mrs Bush said she would support whatever decision her husband reached and thought he had to stand "for the sake of the country". But she nevertheless spoke wistfully of her desire to be a private citizen again and said her family were divided on whether Mr Bush should stand again.

So seemingly impregnable is Mr Bush that he finds

Despite health scares, George Bush is in fighting mood as he prepares to beat the Democrats again, reports Martin Fletcher from Washington

himself in the almost unique position for an incumbent president of contemplating his re-election bid in the absence of any strong Democratic challenger just six months before the primaries begin. So far only Paul Tsongas, a former senator from Massachussetts, has announced his candidacy.

The Camp David meeting was attended by such key figures in Mr Bush's 1988 campaign as Roger Ailes, his media consultant, Robert Teeter, his pollster, and John Sununu, his White House chief of staff. Mr Bush was warned of the need to counter Democratic attempts to portray him as a globe-trotting president who had ignored pressing domestic problems, and Mr Teeter oulined the results of his latest poll for the *Wall Street Journal*.

This gave Mr Bush a 67 per cent approval rating, down from 76 per cent the previous month but still very high. However, 50 per cent of respondents thought America was "on the wrong track". By 52 to 38 per cent they disapproved of Mr Bush's handling of the economy, and by 45 to 21 per cent they disapproved of his handling of domestic issues generally.

On Friday, at a relaxed press conference in the White House rose garden, President Bush had given a preview of his likely campaign tack. He accused a "frustratingly negative" Democratic-controlled Congress of blocking what he insisted was a very good Republican domestic agenda.

Mr Bush, who is said by friends to have little appetite for a repeat of 1988's remarkably negative campaign, spoke of "otherwise very nice (Democratic) senators now reverting to out-of-character attacks", of them "going ballistic" in their frantic efforts "to tear down the president". In fact, he argued, the American people were very interested in having improved relations with the Soviet Union so their children could grow up in a safer world.

Mr Bush, who suffered an irregular heartbeat caused by an overactive thyroid earlier this year, said he would not stand again if he had a health problem, but insisted he did not. By giving that assurance, the president may have been hoping to calm public nervousness at the prospect of Dan Quayle, the vice-president, ever having to take over from him. There is no longer any talk of Mr Quayle being replaced on the ticket.

Even without his Gulf war victory, Mr Bush would be hard to defeat. Such are the advantages of incumbency that nine presidents have been re-elected this century and only four have failed. They were William Taft in 1912 after his Republican party split, Herbert Hoover during the depression in 1932, Gerald Ford who took over after Richard Nixon's Watergate resignation and was never elected in the first place, and Jimmy Carter, who owed his initial election to Watergate, in 1980. Lyndon Johnson might well have been defeated over Vietnam in 1968 but chose not to stand.

Shamir wins cabinet backing to attend peace conference

From RICHARD BEESTON IN JERUSALEM

THE Israeli cabinet yesterday overwhelmingly approved the decision of Yitzhak Shamir, the prime minister, to attend a Middle East peace conference, although there was still confusion in the Palestinian leadership about accepting the offer of talks.

Although the Israeli leader had been expected to win the approval of his right-wing colleagues for the American-brokered negotiations, its passage through cabinet was remarkably smooth. Earlier suspicions, that Israel was being led into a trap, appeared to disappear during the meeting where only three ministerial hawks continued to oppose the proposals.

The cabinet voted 16-3 in favour of Mr Shamir's conditional acceptance, with the only opposition coming from Ariel Sharon, the hardline housing mininster, and the leaders of two small, right-wing coalition partners, Yuval Neeman, of the Tehiya party, the science minister, and Rehavam Zeevi, of Moledet, minister without portfolio.

"No doubt this is a major move forward and we have to be very careful about it," said Ehud Olmert, the health minister and a confidant of the prime minister. "But I think that the damage that might



have been caused to Israel had we answered negatively was much greater than the risk involved." He said rejection would have isolated Israel at a time of genuine expectation in the international community that the Middle East conflict could be ended.

However, if the Israeli leadership appeared finally to have reached a consensus about the proposed negotiations, the same could not be said of the Palestinians, who continued yesterday to object to the format of the talks but fell short of rejecting the plan outright. Yassir Arafat, the chairman of the Palestine Liberation Organisation, repeated his insistence yesterday that he wanted written guarantees from the United States about the outcome of the negotiations before he would accept the offer. He has been banned from direct participation but he is expected to formulate the Palestinian position and decide who will represent his people.

"We are in favour of a just and global peace, but not on condition that it is achieved at the expense of the Palestinians," he said on arrival in Algiers, where he was due to hold talks with Algerian leaders ahead of the arrival of James Baker, the American Secretary of State, today. His remarks appeared to refer to comments he made in an earlier interview when he insisted that the Palestinians would never accept Israeli preconditions before beginning talks. Mr Shamir has said that he will attend the conference as long as the Palestinian delegation does not include PLO members, representatives from the Palestinian diaspora or any Palestinian residents of Arab east Jerusalem, which was annexed by Israel in 1967.

In an effort to win Israeli acceptance of the peace offer, the Americans have promised that no parties unacceptable to the Jewish state will attend the conference, and have advised the Palestinians that they should drop plans for a resident of east Jerusalem in their delegation, at least for the opening round of talks.

Despite Mr Arafat's position, American officials travelling with Mr Baker on his tour of North Africa are convinced that the Palestinians will eventually agree to attend the talks due in October or face the consequences of being the only absentees.

That impression appeared to be confirmed last night at the PLO headquarters in Tunis when Bassam Abu Sharif, the organisation's spokesman, declared: "I do not think that there is an obstacle that will be big enough to prevent a Palestinian from attending."

However, even if the PLO finally endorses the negotiations, it may find it difficult to recruit representatives after fresh criticisms were made yesterday by radical left-wing and fundamentalist groups. The Islamic Jihad (holy war) group, in a leaflet distributed in the occupied Gaza Strip, threatened to kill any "traitors" who negotiated.



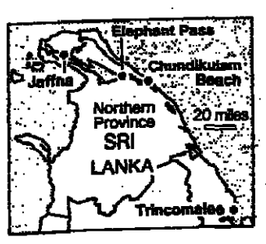
Petal power: Benazir Bhutto, the Pakistani opposition leader, presenting garlands to colleagues staging a 12-hour fast with her in front of parliament in Islamabad yesterday. Thousands of supporters across the country from the former prime minister's Pakistan People's Party (PPP) took part in the fast to demand the repeal of the 12th amendment to the constitution, which has given sweeping powers to Mian Nawaz Sharif, the prime minister, and to call for the removal of his government (Zahid Hussain writes from Karachi). Miss Bhutto, retired Air Marshal Asgal Khan and other leaders of the opposition gathered in front of parliament. Police arrested hundreds of party activists in Miss Bhutto's home province of Sind on charges of inciting unrest. She said that the constitutional amendment had led to the imposition of civilian martial law. The change, adopted last month, has empowered the prime minister to set up summary courts which will complete trials within 30 days, and given the police wide powers of arrest and conviction. Earlier, the PPP received a setback in Sind when 15 legislators, including five members of the national assembly, deserted the party and announced support for the government.

Colombo urges Tigers to talk

From CHRISTOPHER THOMAS IN COLOMBO

THE relief of Elephant Pass at the weekend in the biggest battle of the eight-year Sri Lankan civil war has brought new but, perhaps, unrealistic hopes in government circles that Tamil separatists will accept a fresh offer of peace talks by President Premadasa.

For the first time in nearly a month, helicopters were able to land yesterday at a besieged army camp straddling the pass — a sandy causeway connecting the northern rebel-controlled Jaffna peninsula with the rest of the island. The Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam fought furiously to capture the pass, committing more guerrillas than to any operation in its fight for a separate homeland in the northeast of the island. The army put the number of Tigers in the battlefield at 4,000 to



5,000, armed with AK47 rifles, machineguns and mortars. Bodies of some women fighters have been recovered.

While the pass has some strategic significance, the real victory for the government is psychological, as the battle was fought at the rebels' back door. Had the Tigers overrun the camp they would have captured large amounts of heavy weaponry. Paradoxically, the camp is likely to be abandoned once the military has moved its equipment to safety, because an indefinite commitment of thousands of men would be required to hold on to it.

Government sources said last night that an intercepted Tigers' radio message put the number of rebels killed in the battle at 1,900.

The army deployed 8,000 soldiers, 50 naval vessels and substantial numbers of aircraft in the three-week battle to dislodge the Tigers, who had dug themselves into bunkers linked by surface and underground trenches. It was reminiscent of the first world war, with waves of troops throwing themselves against enemy machinegun positions.

The army, once small and largely ceremonial, is continuing to recruit, further straining the economy. Officially, five months' training is given, but in fact it is less than that. Raw recruits are no match for the battle-hardened Tigers who, in the grudging but respectful words of an official army spokesman, "are fairly well trained". Privately, it is acknowledged that the Tigers can never be beaten militarily.

The official tally of 150 soldiers killed in the offensive on Elephant Pass must be regarded with some scepticism. Twice a day for the past three months, ambulances have roared through Colombo city centre, carrying wounded brought from the battlefront.

President Premadasa went on television after confirmation of the relief of Elephant Pass to appeal to the rebels to lay down their arms. "In war, no one wins. All are losers. It is through consultation that we can find solutions ... not confrontation."

While the army's hold over the pass will hamper the Tigers' movements to some extent, the rebels' ability to sustain their campaign will not in practice be seriously inhibited. They can still move around the coast between Jaffna to their eastern field of operations relatively freely, especially since they now apparently have radar equipment, and they can cross from Jaffna on to the northern mainland by boat without much fear of discovery, given the rugged terrain.

An army officer said the main strategy was to break the Tigers' will to fight. In securing the pass "we have gone a long way in doing that".

America listens in to Mafia secrets

From JAMES BONE IN NEW YORK

THE Dapper Don, John Gotti, must be wishing he had shut his big mouth. Over the weekend, the whole of New York, together with the FBI, was able to eavesdrop on the reputed head of America's largest crime family conducting business in his social club in Manhattan's Little Italy.

FBI agents recorded Mr Gotti, said to be the "boss of bosses", bragging about "whacking" people who crossed the family and assuring friends that he looked after his own. The tapes were released as evidence in Mr Gotti's trial on racketeering charges, set for September 24.

"Any time you got a partner who don't agree with us, we kill him," Mr Gotti says in his Godfather English. Also on tape, he declares that one associate "is gonna die because he refused to come in when I called. He didn't do nothing else wrong". The man was found dead in a car park at the World Trade Centre.

The conversations, recorded in the Ravenite Social Club in 1989 and 1990, reveal the inner workings of the Gambino crime family which Mr Gotti allegedly heads. His recorded indiscretions have given prosecutors hope that they will finally be able to convict the man who has escaped so many investigations that he is now known as the "Teflon Don".

The charges against Mr Gotti link him to the murder of New York's previous crime boss, Paul Castellano, who was shot in broad daylight as he arrived at a Manhattan steak house in 1985. But in two telephone conversations secretly recorded by the FBI, Mr Gotti denies that he was behind the killing.

Mr Gotti says: "I ain't even worried about nothin'. See, if I had something to do with the Castellano murder, I would worry. I had nothing to do with it ... I ain't worrying over something I had nothing to do with. Whoever done it, probably the cops done it, ... he deserved it. We had nothing to do with it." Prosecutors say Mr Gotti's denial is little more than a joke.

Kuwait expels Arab suspects

Geneva — Kuwait expelled 145 alleged collaborators to Iraq at the weekend, a spokesman for the International Committee of the Red Cross said yesterday.

Gabriel de Mourmelin said the Red Cross had delivered food supplies to the Kuwaiti-Iraqi border for the deportees, whose nationalities were unknown. The Iraqi News Agency said on Saturday that 247 released prisoners from Kuwaiti jails had arrived in the Safwan border region, of which 40 were Iraqis, 88 Jordanians and 119 stateless Arabs. *(AFP)*

Back in custody

Peking — Zhang Weiguo, a Chinese journalist and dissident, has been rearrested five months after being released from more than 18 months in jail for his involvement in pro-democracy demonstrations in 1989. Police told his family he was being kept "under observation" but would not say where.

Gandhi enquiry

Delhi — The Indian government is appointing a second judicial commission into the assassination of Rajiv Gandhi to investigate the theory of a wider conspiracy. The Press Trust of India, quoting official sources, said the first commission had declined to expand its brief beyond investigating security lapses. *(AFP)*

Drifting sands

Baghdad — Two French non-commissioned officers who went missing in northern Kuwait were lost in a sandstorm and asked for directions from Iraqi soldiers, who arrested them, according to a source in Iraq. The two men have been handed over to the International Committee of the Red Cross. *(AFP)*

Thai reshuffle

Bangkok — General Suchinda Kraprayoon, the head of the Thai army, has assumed the job of supreme military commander in the annual reshuffle of top military ranks. General Suchinda was a leader of the February coup in which Chatichai Choonhavan, the former prime minister, was overthrown. *(AP)*

Vanuatu tussle

Vila — Father Walter Lini, the prime minister of Vanuatu, in the western Pacific, lost an attempt to prevent a Vanua'aku party congress this week during which his leadership is expected to be challenged. Radio Vanuatu said the supreme court dismissed his move to have Wednesday's congress ruled illegal. *(AFP)*

Early election

Singapore — Goh Chok Tong, the prime minister of Singapore, said the next election would be held before it is required by law in late 1993. Mr Goh said it had been his intention to use the government's full five-year term, but members of his cabinet and others urged that polling should take place sooner. *(AP)*

No match

Peking — China's estimated 300 million smokers cannot keep up with production, the Xinhua news agency said. By the end of June, stockpiles in the world's largest tobacco market totalled 4.18 million cartons. Millions of contraband cigarettes were smuggled into China last year. *(AFP)*

Muslims flee

Dhaka — More than 10,000 Rohingya Muslims, a Burmese ethnic minority, have crossed into Bangladesh to escape political persecution in Burma, an interior ministry source said.

Briton was brain behind Pearl Harbor raid

From MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON

THE attack on Pearl Harbor was conceived and planned not by the Japanese, but by a leading British naval expert called Hector Bywater, according to a book just published in America.

Bywater's aim was to deter such an attack by suggesting that despite early victories Japan would lose a war with America. Unfortunately, according to William Honan, author of *Visions of Infamy*, the Japanese chose to adopt his plan but ignore his warning.

Until now Admiral Isoroku Yamamoto, commander-in-chief of the combined fleet of the imperial navy, had been considered the architect of the sneak attack on the American Pacific fleet in Hawaii which took place 50 years ago this December, bringing America into the second world war. Mr Honan, a writer on naval affairs, argues that Yamamoto took the plan from Bywater's book, *The Great Pacific War*, published in the 1920s.

Bywater's book, the sequel to an earlier assessment of American and Japanese naval strengths, was the upshot of a long transatlantic debate he had had with Franklin Roosevelt in 1923 over Roosevelt's contention that a Japanese-American war was impossible because of the distances involved. In it, Bywater sought to prove that the two powers could confront each other, and laid out the best naval strategies available to each side. By launching a surprise attack against the American naval force in the Pacific, simultaneously capturing Guam and the Philippines, and militarising the islands mandated to Japan by the League of Nations, the Japanese could go on to create a virtually invulnerable island empire, Bywater wrote.

The Americans would counter-attack. After a reckless and costly attempt to penetrate Japan's protective screen of island bases, the US Navy would pursue a novel amphibious campaign across the Pacific that would defeat Japan. This, according to Mr Honan, was the first time a naval analyst had aired the concept of island-hopping that became basic American strategy during the second world war.

Bywater's book provoked an intense debate which was still going on when Captain Yamamoto, as he was then, was posted to Washington as the Japanese naval attaché in 1926. Mr Honan's research shows that he reported Bywater's ideas to his superiors. Two years later, he presented Bywater's ideas as his own. In 1934 he spent an evening discussing Pacific military strategy with Bywater in London.



Torpedo target: the battleship USS California sinking in Pearl Harbor in 1941

In 1939 Yamamoto was promoted to commander-in-chief and began translating those ideas into war plans. Mr Honan claims that the evidence of his dependence on Bywater's blueprint is unmistakable, culminating in the fact "that he adopted Bywater's war plan in matters ranging from overall objectives and strategy down to such small, but critical, details as many of the beaches on which invading forces were to land".

Mr Honan contends that Yamamoto also accepted that Japan would lose the war, but adopted it because he saw that his leaders were intent on fighting. He wanted to put Japan in the strongest possible position in the event of a negotiated settlement.

Mr Honan adds two twists. Without Bywater's influence, probably Yamamoto would have accepted an alternative plan to attack the Dutch East Indies and not Pearl Harbor — and that might not have bought America into the war. He also claims that Bywater's book changed American plans. Eighteen months after its publication, the US Navy abandoned its contingency plan for a transatlantic lunge to beat back a Japanese attack and adopted Bywater's plan for island-hopping. "It is not too much to say that Bywater taught a generation of Japanese and American naval officers how to make war agaiinst each other," says Mr Honan. *Visions of Infamy, a biography of Hector Bywater*, is published by St Martin's Press.

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Serbs revel in prospect of victory over Croats

From TIM JUDAH IN STRMICA

SERBIAN militias will accept a ceasefire only after Croatia's forces surrender, according to Milan Martic, chief of the Serbian militia in the breakaway enclave of Krajina. After a weekend meeting with Henri Wijnaendts, a European Community special representative, he said: "I told him we would respect a ceasefire once the Ustashas had withdrawn from Karlovac, Osijek, Petrinja and Vukovar."

Osijek and Karlovac are Croatia's third and fifth largest towns respectively. Ustashas, the name of Croatia's wartime fascists, is now used by militant Serbs to describe Croatia's present government and its security forces. Mr Martic made his statement just hours before the the EC mission to Yugoslavia admitted its failure to negotiate a ceasefire.

Surrounded by children and his most trusted lieutenants, Mr Martic was attending a festival of Serbian music and culture at Strmica, about nine miles north of Knin, the capital of Krajina. He wore fatigues and looked confident as the music drifted from the village into the rugged mountains marking the frontier with Bosnia-Hercegovina.

"Of course we are doing well," said Mr Martic, referring to the fighting over the past two weeks which forced the Croat police and national guard to retreat from several areas. "But this is no victory celebration," he said. "That will come only when we have liberated those towns."

As if to show his disdain for Mr Wijnaendts, whose visit was the first official contact between the EC and the Krajina leadership, labelled a "terrorist gang" by Zagreb, Mr Martic said he could not even remember his guest's name. "He was bald and had glasses," he said of the former Dutch ambassador to Belgrade who has recently played a key role in attempting to secure a peaceful outcome to the Yugoslav turmoil.

Since it is inconceivable that the Croats would yield the towns named by Mr Martic as part of any settlement, let alone concede that Krajina and parts of eastern Croatia are now lost forever, the Serbian militia leader's words presaged the end of the current EC mission. "This is no longer Croatia," he said. "And it will never be Croatian again."

Strmica, which lies in a valley surrounded by steep mountains, echoed to the sound of distant thunder, traditional Serbian pigskin bagpipes, trumpets and carousing on Saturday night. About 2,500 revellers took part in the festival. Old melodies were given modern lyrics such as "Krajina, our mother, we won't leave you to the Ustashas". Srbo, a reveller aged 25, said: "The war has already begun and we are not scared. We will defend out homes. The Croats are trying to take what is ours."

In contrast to the despair gripping the Croatian capital, the mood in Strmica at the weekend was upbeat and martial. "It is the spirit of victory," Snezana, aged 23, explained. "We will beat the hell out of them," her husband, Jovan, aged 25, added.

Almost everyone said that recent suggestions that Zagreb might be considering offering political autonomy have come too late. However, there were differences of opinion as to whether Krajina should become an integral part of greater Serbia or a new republic within a new Yugoslavia which would not include what was left of Croatia. Raiko, aged 25, a reservist, said: "If they want their own Ustasha state that's okay, but only where there are no Serbs."

During the second world war, possibly hundreds of thousands of Serbs were killed by the Ustashas, a wound all too often ignored by politicians in Zagreb, who thereby perpetuate the cycle of hate.

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War games: a Croat boy with a toy gun in Zagreb's main square yesterday



Hands above the water: a man raising his arms while entering a souvenir shop in the German town of Passau as the Danube flooded the streets. The death toll in European flooding rose to more than 100, with several thousand people left homeless in Eastern and Central Europe. Torrential rains have swollen rivers, burst dams, destroyed bridges and inundated whole villages. After devastating floods last week in Romania, where more than 100 people were listed as dead and around 13,000 were left homeless, the toll continued to rise at the weekend with further deaths in Germany and Austria. At least five people died in Bavaria and four people drowned in Austria, in the worst flooding in 30 years. Salzburg, at the height of its annual music festival, was declared a disaster area. In southeast Bavaria, several villages were inundated as heavy rain battered the Danube valley. Passau, situated at the confluence of the Danube, Inn and Ilz rivers, was most severely damaged. On Friday, 16 people were reported drowned in the Soviet Black Sea coast region. *(AFP)*

Moscow party reformers endorse new grouping

From BRUCE CLARK IN MOSCOW

THE old guard of the Soviet Communist party yesterday faced a two-pronged challenge to its influence over economic and political life in the Russian Federation, the sprawling republic headed by Boris Yeltsin.

One threat came from the decision by liberal, pro-Yeltsin communists to demand recognition from President Gorbachev as the true voice of the party supporters in Russia. The second came from the formal entry into force of Mr Yeltsin's decree banning political parties from occupying offices and holding meetings at workplaces in the federation.

A conference of reformist Russian members of the Soviet party voted overwhelmingly on Saturday to endorse the formation of a new political group, the Democratic Party of Communists of Russia, to be led provisionally by the Afghan war hero, Colonel Aleksandr Rutskoy. The 800 delegates agreed that the colonel, who is the deputy head of the Yeltsin administration, should meet Mr Gorbachev at the end of this week and serve notice that the new group was challenging the hardliners who now control the Communist movement in Russia.

In a tougher threat to the Soviet party establishment than any liberal splinter-group has posed before, the new group's founders said that if Mr Gorbachev and other top Communists refused to recognise it, they would in any case start recruiting a mass movement which could strip the old ruling party of millions of members. However, their aim was to remain inside the Communist party, at least until the Soviet party congress at the end of the year, where they hoped to mount a reformist coup.

If this failed, they would "wave goodbye in a polite and cultured way" as Colonel Rutskoy, an engaging figure with a firm, no-nonsense manner, told reporters. The new group recognised the "historic guilt" of the Communist party before the peoples of the Soviet Union and hailed as "timely" the decree by Mr Yeltsin calling for the removal of Communist cells from the workplace.

The old guard fired an initial counterblast in a statement by the central committee secretariat denouncing the creation of a "party inside the party" and the holding of a meeting whose participants were chosen arbitrarily with no regard for Communist party rules.

Gorbachev urges harvest solution

From MARY DEJEVSKY IN MOSCOW

PRESIDENT Gorbachev, beginning his annual holiday today, has taken a leaf out of Western management training manuals and left his subordinates three impossible tasks to complete during his absence. At a meeting of the government, or cabinet of ministers, on Saturday, the Soviet leader singled out three areas requiring urgent action: food distribution and the harvest; fuel and energy; and the financial sector.

The cabinet, augmented for the day by prime ministers of all Soviet republics except Lithuania, was told that despite acute drought in some grain-growing areas and floods in others the chief problem with the harvest was likely to be distribution. "Conditions exist," the meeting was told, "for ensuring steady food supplies for the population," but increased economic incentives would be needed in the agro-industrial sector. Decoded, this appears to mean that regions where the harvest is good will have to be induced to share their food and grain by selling an agreed proportion to the centre for redistribution.

The tasks set for the energy and financial sectors suggest the traditional advance concern about fuel and power provision during the winter. But, again, the focus of concern is less the quantity of resources available than how they will be distributed.

The state of Soviet finances and the level of the money supply are the third priority area. The prime minister, Valentin Pavlov, was instructed to draft "urgent measures to stabilise the situation" within ten days.

Russian militants claim killings

From ANATOL LIEVEN IN VILNIUS

RESPONSIBILITY for the killing of seven Lithuanians last Wednesday has been claimed by a caller on behalf of a group "which defends Russian interests across the Soviet Union". The victims of the attack were buried at the weekend in Vilnius in a state funeral which was also a demonstration of Lithuania's desire for independence.

An eighth victim remains seriously ill in hospital, but is said to be showing signs of improvement. He is being guarded by armed police in the hope that he will be able to give evidence.

The caller to the Moscow-based newspaper *Nezavisima Gazeta* on Friday claimed responsibility for the killing on behalf of what he called the "security service", a hitherto unknown group. He threatened the newspaper that if it continued to print articles about the killing, its staff would suffer the same fate. A spokesman for the Soviet interior ministry said the caller was "either a psychotic or really did speak for the killers".

A Lithuanian spokeswoman Rita Dapkus, reflecting the views of the Lithuanian leadership, said the supposed group looked like either a cover for the KGB, or a real organisation set up by the KGB, which she compared to the National Salvation Committee. This group took responsibility for the Soviet military intervention in Lithuania in January. Lithuanian speculation about the identity of the killers centres on various Soviet security organs.

● **Prague:** Czechoslovakia has signed economic, scientific and technical co-operation agreements with the three Baltic republics of Latvia, Estonia and Lithuania, the official news agency CTK said yesterday. The Prague government is the first to sign such agreements. *(AFP)*



Mourning: Gediminas Vagnorius, the prime minister, left, and President and Mrs Landsbergis at the funeral

Hunt for tourists' abductors continues

Istanbul — Turkish police and commando units are continuing to hunt for the kidnappers of ten German tourists taken from a makeshift camp site in eastern Turkey (Andrew Finkel writes). Sven Possner, one of five people who managed to escape early on Friday morning from a van in which they were abducted, said two armed men inspected passports and appeared to choose only Germans.

This has led to speculation that the kidnappers were members of the Kurdish Workers' Party hoping to bargain for the release of Kurdish militants held in Germany. A German embassy official said he thought robbery was a more probable motive.

Ozal demand

Istanbul — President Ozal of Turkey told the Organisation of the Islamic Conference, a year after it failed to put pressure on Iraq to reverse its occupation of Kuwait, that the "recurrence of such lawlessness" must be prevented. Mr Ozal referred to the "shortcomings" of the organisation.

Coup attempt

Antananarivo — President Djohar of the Comoros said he was still in control of the archipelago neighbouring Madagascar, and supporters of an opposition party who had tried to stage a weekend coup would be tried. The rebels used a banned radio station at the weekend to say Mr Djohar was out of power. *(Reuter)*

Holiday hot spot

Paris — The French Green movement has protested after a communist town council in a Paris suburb sent children on holiday to the region of Chernobyl, site of the 1986 Soviet nuclear accident. The council foiled Green plans to stop a bus taking the nine children to the airport at the weekend. *(Reuter)*

Hiroshima move

Tokyo — An anti-nuclear meeting in Hiroshima, attended by delegations from 20 nations and nine international organisations, demanded that Richard Cheney, the American defence secretary, retract remarks defending the atomic bombing of Hiroshima on August 6, 1945. *(AFP)*

MPs attack US

Baghdad — Visiting Soviet MPs and their Iraqi counterparts denounced the new world order based on American domination because it caused inequality and instability in international relations, the Iraqi News Agency said. They also called for the lifting of UN-imposed economic sanctions against Iraq. *(AFP)*

Meat is off

Bucharest — Romanians, who under Communist rule fought to buy meat, are now letting supplies rot in shops because prices are so high after removal of subsidies. So low is demand that, in one recent incident, meat and salami worth more than £1,000 were dumped. The average monthly salary is £60. *(AP)*

Recession turns sherry to doloroso

By EDWARD OWEN

NEXT month's *vendimia* fiesta in Jerez, the festival celebrating the grape harvest in the southern Spanish town that produces sherry, promises to be more of a wake.

Far less sherry is being drunk than ten years ago, particularly in Britain, and a third of the vines are to be destroyed and production cut back. "The owners of the vines had to register with us to qualify as sherry sellers, but now we are asking them to deregister," said Luis Bretón, of the Consejo Regulador de la Denominación de Origen de Jerez y Manzanilla, the regulatory council. "We are going to pull up 4,200 hectares (10,378 acres) of vines, leaving about 11,000 hectares in production. The farmers who joined the boom in the 1970s will now plant wheat, sugar beet or sunflowers."

He said that each grower will receive up to £8,000 compensation per hectare with £2,700 from the council and the balance from the European Community. For many, this represents the net profit from four harvests.

"The farmers planted too many vines," says Luis Caballero, a *bodega* owner in Puerta de Santa Maria. "There has been a major change in the market and the industry is now having to adjust." Britain imported 75 million litres of sherry in 1979, about half the total production, but sales plummeted from 48.7 million in 1980 to about 28 million litres last year.

The Sherry Institute in London blames the recession and the British government for increasing taxes to more than £1 a bottle for genuine sherry without demanding the same for "British sherry", which Jerez producers say is produced by chemists. The institute says sales have stabilised with real sherry accounting for 53 per cent of all sales, worth £247 million last year. When the council found it had a 70 million bottle surplus last year, accountants Price Waterhouse were consulted.

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Two-headed frogs leap into lurid tales of the riverbank

On the fifth leg of his Danube odyssey, **Roger Boyes** reaches Kozloduy where experts fear a nuclear disaster is waiting to happen

THERE have been strange sightings along this stretch of the river: double-headed frogs and rabbits that resemble cats. The local veterinary surgeon from a village near Kozloduy, on the Bulgarian side of the Danube, has lost count of the number of mutated sheep and foals. Something is plainly wrong.

Stories like these tend to crop up around nuclear power stations. Doctors in the West and East study with special scrutiny the incidence of leukaemia and miscarriage, an indication of possible genetic disorders. It is a way of cutting through the bandages of secrecy that swaddle atomic energy.

But there were particularly sound reasons for keeping quiet about Kozloduy. Even the International Atomic Energy Agency, based in Geneva, admits the plant is a high-risk area and if anything is getting worse. The agency has been inspecting East European nuclear plants and casting its gaze particularly on those such as Kozloduy which have first-generation 440 megawatt reactors, the dinosaur of nuclear energy. The Germans have shut down a similar plant in Greifswald that was actually safer than Kozloduy, and the Bulgarians even have hopes of some of its discarded technology.

The spectre of Chernobyl has been raised again by environmentalists — called Eco-glasnost in Bulgaria — and this time with good cause. There have been 18 officially registered incidents at Kozloduy since 1974, but local engineers narrate a longer saga of breakdowns, especially at the main unit, a 1,000-megawatt reactor known as No.5.

Elsewhere in the plant, a serious radiation leak was registered nine years ago when safety valves broke, and in 1986 problems developed with the feedwater system. Then, say disenchanted engineers, the faulty reactors were not even shut down for repairs.



Zhivkov: attempted to conceal Chernobyl fire

Eco-glasnost activists say that the water cooling system — one of the most important weak points at Chernobyl — is fatally flawed. The pipes are too narrow and pressure quickly builds up. Although the four 440 megawatt reactors share a common water system, there is no automatic shut-off to isolate them in case of breakdown.

Additionally, Kozloduy has been built in a seismic zone. Earlier this month an earthquake shook Romania.

Kozloduy has all the charm and architectural flair of the Berlin Wall. Soldiers from the interior ministry with unbuttoned jackets and loosely strung rifles prowl the wasteland of rusting and jagged scrap metal. They are guarding not a military but a political secret: a secret of incompetence, of reckless design, of energy production at any cost.

Forty per cent of Bulgarian electricity was produced here and to shut down the whole plant — or even the two oldest of the four reactors, as promised by Alexander Tomov, the Bulgarian deputy premier — would mean a serious dislocation of the economy. The risk of a new Chernobyl explosion has to be weighed against the possibility of economic collapse. So far at least the needs of the economy has won out and the risks have been muffled and classified as state secrets.

Even the workers were kept in the dark. Their housing estate, complete with children's playground, is a short bus drive from the plant. "For the convenience of the workforce," says the timetable: 20 minutes and you can be back home after the morning shift. They were even closer to work than the Ukranian blocks of flats that housed employees at Chernobyl.

When Chernobyl blew in 1986, the regime of Todor Zhivkov did everything to conceal the news: the families of Central Committee members were alerted, but the general population was told to carry on as normal. "We were ordered not to say anything in public," recalls Dr Tsvetan Boucher, head of the nuclear physics department at Sofia university, "But the government certainly knew what was happening because we were telling them." It was important not only to deceive the Bulgarians, but also the Romanians across the Danube.

The Romanians have been lobbying recently for more candour about Kozloduy and, indeed, for the closure of the plant. Until this year the Bulgarians dismissed this as arrogant meddling.

The river that is the long frontier between Bulgaria and Romania yields in the autumn a grey green mist that is a useful metaphor for the opaque, sometimes poisonous relationship between the two countries. Under communist rule the neighbours were more or less obliged to reduce friction on the border and this usually involved concealing the truth. To confess in 1986 that Kozloduy was in the same slipshod state as Chernobyl would have unleashed demands from Nicolae Ceausescu.



The Romanians are in any case doing dreadful things to the Bulgarian port of Ruse some way downriver. This pleasant Danubian merchant city, once the richest place in Bulgaria, is being corroded by the chlorine fumes sweeping across the river from the Romanian chemical factories in Giurgiu. The fine 19th-century ochre of the Ruse villas is giving way to a scabby, diseased-looking facade. In February 1989, Grisha Filipov, then prime minister of Bulgaria, tried to calm local people by assuring them that the fumes were safe. Nobody believed him. The figures, concealed at the time, are now common knowledge: respiratory diseases have increased 75 per cent over the past 11 years in Ruse, and some 65 per cent of the port's 190,000 inhabitants are being treated for respiratory problems.

For years the governments of Bulgaria and Romania have been spying on each other. Ceausescu was fascinated by the links between the Bulgarian secret service and the KGB. The Bulgarians in turn were under instruction, from Moscow, to track all suspicious Romanian activity, including its nuclear programme.

But the deepest secrets of communist era are not those related to international terrorism, or the arms trade, but rather those derived from economic blunders. The post-communist states, many of whom have rich natural resources, are now facing profound energy problems because they were weaned on cheap Soviet oil which is now being withdrawn. But that alone is not sufficient to explain how communist planners, often with Western encouragement, were sidetracked into huge wasteful projects and why they continued to tolerate the squandering of energy by heavy industry. These technocrats contributed more than anybody to the collapse of the centrally planned economies, and thus to communist rule in Eastern Europe.

Perhaps the West, before considering ambitious debt forgiveness schemes in return for the closure of Kozloduy, should follow the trail of these technocrats of the 1970s and 1980s. It may well be that they are still running the economy.

Last stop: Tulcea

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The fallen woman has her say

The tragic heroine of Victorian times was not always the innocent, shame-faced victim that literature has portrayed: she could be feisty and independent. Libby Purves reports

The Victorian fog has taken a long while to clear, and has not quite gone yet. Swirling in our national consciousness, nearer the libertarian surface than one might think, still lies the idea of shame. Specifically, the sexual shame of a pregnant young girl. For our mothers' generation, being "in trouble" still meant only one thing: a fatherless child, a shameful white bundle, being thrown out into the snow. Little Em'ly in *David Copperfield*, ruined by the cad Steerforth and forced to hide her shame in Australia. The tragic heroine of ballads, *standing on the bridge at midnight* saying "Farewell, blighted love!". The strangely purified corpse, suitable for a sad engraving and a few lines from Thomas Hood: "Past all dishonour/Death has left on her/Only the Beautiful . . ."

Meanwhile, twirling his moustache, the villainous seducer dines in his club. It is the rich wot gets the pleasure.

We think we know how it was for the betrayed Victorian maiden. Her innocence defiled, she was thrown out by her employer, probably cast off by her family and left with the alternatives of the Thames or a descent into the teeming, stinking, ragged streets of London, to be found a few years later toothless and debauched with a gin-bottle down her bodice and Jack the Ripper lodging in the back room. For another powerful, foggy image that has descended to us is of the stews of Victorian London, physically and morally polluted, where roués like Dorian Gray and Mr Hyde went on their horrible adventures, and brave missionaries plucked souls from ordure and hellfire. The image is of young women living on the edge of a precipice: one false move, one saucy glance, and the abyss beckoned.

Well, no doubt there is truth in it. In the late 19th century, the population of London exploded, tripling in two generations. Most of the increase was among the poor, who crowded into their ghettos in the East End, Soho, Seven Dials, Devil's Acre, Wapping and the docks. It is *not* hard to find documented evidence of every vice and deprivation. Yet the voices that tell the story of the Victorian poor are all from the other side of the tracks: missionaries, philanthropists, and middle-class novelists. C.F.G. Masterman in 1907 regretted "That no voice will pass to posterity from the million-peopled ghetto of London . . . What aspirations did they cherish? What temptations did they wrestle with? What hope sustained them?"

Enter a cool Parisian academic, Françoise Barret-Ducrocq, a specialist in 19th century London history. The silence of the poor tormented her, in particular on their sexual and moral outlook. Then she struck gold. "After years of stubborn searching for whispers in that stony silence," she writes, "the fortuitous discovery of a mine of private archive material enables me today to extract from the past this image — incomplete but, I believe, authentic and alive." It is a new and startling picture of life under Victoria.

The archive was that of the Thomas Coram Foundling Hospital: not open to the public in order to protect the privacy of the descendants of those it once cared for. In these faded blue files lie the *statements of women applying* to have their babies taken in — for short or long periods — by the hospital's charity. They detail their rape, seduction or willing affair (intercourse being always referred to as "crim.con." — criminal congress); the attitude of the father, of their family, of their employers.

Mme Barret-Ducrocq found the files "deeply moving. When I began to work on them I was pregnant with my second child. Going through these real lives — even discounting the fictions some desperate women may have added — one realises that here is something true, being told by flesh and blood people."

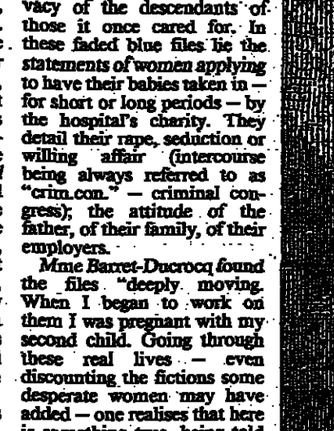
The hospital was founded by a sea captain, Thomas Coram, in 1741, and almost foundered in the 1760s under a weight of piety that considered it to be encouraging immorality by removing the "punishment" of starving on the streets. Thereafter it became necessary for the mother to prove that her good faith had been betrayed, that she had been promised marriage and was otherwise irreproachable. The governors, however, appear to have been amazingly tolerant and, considering their desperation, the voices of the mothers ring true, confident, even defiant.

The independent, feisty tone of the girls overturns preconceptions. The rape victims (often of employers, or the sons of employers) are indignant and aware it was not their fault. "I cried but was not heard . . . I told Mrs P. but she pretended not to believe it . . . I threw a basin of water over him and scratched his face . . . They were forward children and used to take liberties with me. I complained of the younger one to his mother but she said it was my own evil thoughts and would not attend to me."



MARY EVANS

Image of betrayal: the Victorian novelists were "projecting their own class values on to the rest of society"



Mme Barret-Ducrocq: authentic

'Up to the point when the man left, these were perfectly normal stories of love'

Working-girls taken in by gentlemen sometimes enjoy genuine hope of marriage, but frequently seem well able to see through their suitors. The girls involved in love affairs within their own class are even more impressive. Sometimes they claim seduction, but not infrequently say boldly: "I gave way to him because I was fond of him." Usually they are deserted, but sometimes only for economic reasons — the boy going north to find work — and sometimes make their own break. Like Mary Q, a chambermaid who refused to have anything to do with the father of her child, the coachman. "I wish to break off all communication. He is a man of bad habits and character." Or *Martha Y, aged 18, who* thought her printer lover immature. "Father is not aware of my having a child nor do I wish it." Both, incidentally, were fully supported by employers and families.

Occasionally, even in their humble appeals to the Foundling Hospital, women refuse to claim any intention of marriage, but admit boldly to having done it for fun. "There was no courtship or promise of marriage."

Mme Barrett-Ducroq's thesis betrays a kind of mounting elation at this evidence, so long denied us, of what common sense always suggested. These women were neither symbols of depravity nor lamb-like victims. They took decisions, she feels, and made the best of it. "I find no sense of disgrace or ruin. I had expected all of them to be claiming guilt and remorse or talking of violent attack, but this is not the case at all. Up to the point when the man left, these were perfectly normal stories of love — accepting sexual relationships, loving the baby, and often planning to work hard until they could take it back. Which some succeeded in doing."

The author was also intrigued at the pragmatic attitude of the poor to sexual morality, which seems closer to the old rural traditions of "bundling" and testing fertility before marriage than to the prissy doctrines of modesty and ruin. Many young couples took it for granted that they would make love before marriage, and only economics or faithlessness made the pregnancy a drawback. They may have been feckless — or, as the researcher puts it, "there is no trace of the rather distasteful financial calculations made by young couples in novels by Trollope" — but they were in love. And a shameful bundle was not a permanent blight: several Foundling Hospital clients went on to marry men who knew their history.

"Here lies", writes Mme Barrett-Ducroq, "the vast ethical gulf which separated the social classes. . . There is a very marked contrast between this reality and the value placed on the virginity of their heroines by the great Victorian novelists, whom we often believe to have been privileged observers of their time, when in reality they were only projecting their own class values on to the rest of society. . . The young Europeans of the late 20th century have much more in common with these artisans, these domestics who disappeared abruptly in the aftermath of the first world war, than with the contemporary moralists who slandered them with such total conviction."

The ghosts of Sarah Jane and Mary Anne, Hannah and Annie and Sally in our Alley, are avenged at last.

● Love in the Age of Victoria, *by Francoise Barret-Ducrocq, is published by Verso on August 15 (£19.95)*

A measure of violence

A police scheme to monitor attacks on homosexuals has had a mixed reaction

Gavin had been "cruising" late one night on Hampstead Heath, in northwest London, when he was attacked in the high street by a couple of drunk men and left bruised and unable to walk home. He said it was "queer bashing". As far as the police were concerned, it was just another violent attack.

Now the Metropolitan Police is to begin monitoring attacks on homosexuals and lesbians. The pilot scheme, which will cover Kensington, Battersea and Holloway as well as Hampstead, follows protests from gay rights organisations that the prevalance of "queer bashing" has been underestimated.

Chief Superintendent Tony Buchanan, of the Hampstead division of the Metropolitan *Police, says: "In this branch* we are particularly conscious of such crimes being underreported. We can't patrol all the gay pubs and the parks but at least this will help us assess the extent of the problem."

'My message is, please don't suffer in silence'

Confidentiality has been the main sticking point before over monitoring of homophobic attacks. Many homosexuals feel the police are more interested in prosecuting them than preventing crime against them. "We need to develop their confidence," Supt Buchanan says. "Everything will be dealt with in the strictest confidence. My message is, please don't suffer in silence."

The scheme will monitor any attack the victim or the reporting police officer feels has been homophobic. "I think this will disclose the nature of the problem," Supt Buchanan says. "It is not an epidemic or sudden outbreak. Attacks seem to be quite serious but the numbers are small."

However, *Gay Times* has reported that more than 50 homosexual men have been murdered in England in the last four years in homophobic attacks. A survey by the Gay London Policing Group (Gallop) found 41 per cent of homosexual men have been attacked because of their sexual orientation at some time. Only 5 per cent have reported the incident to the police.

Galop, a publicly funded organisation which provides advice for lesbian and gay police officers as well as general and legal advice to the gay community, is closely involved in the project.

Jeremy Clarke, Galop's research officer, says, "I hope the pilot scheme will prove our point. But confidentiality is the main problem. Gays don't come forward because they are often then prosecuted for trivial sex offences. They may be under age or the police will put them on a list of gay contacts." Mr Clarke says that Galop is opposed to the practice (known as "outing") of publicly exposing any individual's sexual orientation.

The Metropolitan Police's equal opportunities scheme does not embrace sexual *orientation and in a predominantly* male force few officers will admit openly to being gay.

"How can they ask people to come forward when their own officers can't?" Mr Clarke says. "Their canteen culture militates against gays. Officers who are kind to gays are characterised as soft and as helping semi-criminals. There have been police forces in London which were blatantly rude to us and refused to help with the scheme."

Supt Buchanan admits there is a problem. He has 360 staff at the Hampstead division and has given them briefing packages and started training sessions to help officers sympathise more with the gay community.

"We tell them: gay men are often in a particularly difficult situation because they often go cruising late at night. We are also trying to make them more informed about the problems lesbian women can encounter. Lesbians don't have a high profile but they often suffer severe verbal and physical abuse."

The London Lesbian and Gay switchboard is pleased the police are finally addressing the problem. But the group is more reticent about the scheme because of some concern that publicity could increase the number of attacks.

ALICE THOMSON

Green-minded but not green

A survey reveals that most people are sceptical of the motives behind environmentally friendly products



Most people think that the "environmentally-friendly" products sold by supermarkets are more likely to be a bid to exploit the market than a reflection of the stores' concern for the countryside, according to a survey published today.

With British shops now full of recycled tissues, biodegradable meat trays and bubble bath that does not harm the environment, green products are such big business that the corporate public relations machine has been working overtime.

However, according to the latest survey by Mintel, the market research group, only 10 per cent of shoppers believe that the caring campaigns of the supermarkets are aimed at bettering the environment. Four in ten think the advertising is a smokescreen.

"Supermarkets have woken up to the desirability of going green. However, their environmental campaigns do not necessarily attract the greenest shoppers. It is most likely to be the age and social class of a supermarket's consumer base rather than its environmental policy that dictates how green its shoppers are," says Angela Hughes, Mintel's consumer research manager.

The report, "The Green and Ethical Shopper 1991", finds that those who go out of their way to buy green products do so in spite of marketing efforts rather than because of them. Seven shoppers in ten said they suspected that manufacturers used the green issue as an excuse to charge higher prices, although most people were prepared to pay more for products that were genuinely friendly to the environment. They told researchers they would spend between 10p and 15p in the pound more.

The research comes as the green ethic is being exploited across the full spectrum of products. Free range meat came after free range eggs, and many stores produce toiletries that have not been tested on animals. Sainsbury's announced recently that it was producing organic milk from cows that grazed only on "green" grass.

Shoppers flocked to buy organic, "traditionally reared" lamb from the Prince of Wales's Duchy of Cornwall estate when Tesco announced it was stocking the product with the royal seal of approval.

Now Mintel has identified a group of "dark greens". These are concerned shoppers who actively search for "ethical" products. They always buy recycled lavatory paper and are enthusiastic about the new ranges of gentle bath and shower products.

These are the people that the stores should be encouraging, according to Mintel, rather than the "maybes" who look at all the green product advertising but do not necessarily buy. The "dark greens" tend to be more affluent and from larger households, but are not always taken in by the jargon. "Perhaps companies should take a more open stance and explain the difficulties in taking into account both environmental and ethical considerations while still pleasing the cost and quality-conscious shopper," the report says.

Where you shop can matter as much as what you buy. The greenest and most ethical shoppers were found to frequent upmarket stores such as Marks & Spencer and Sainsbury's, the report says.

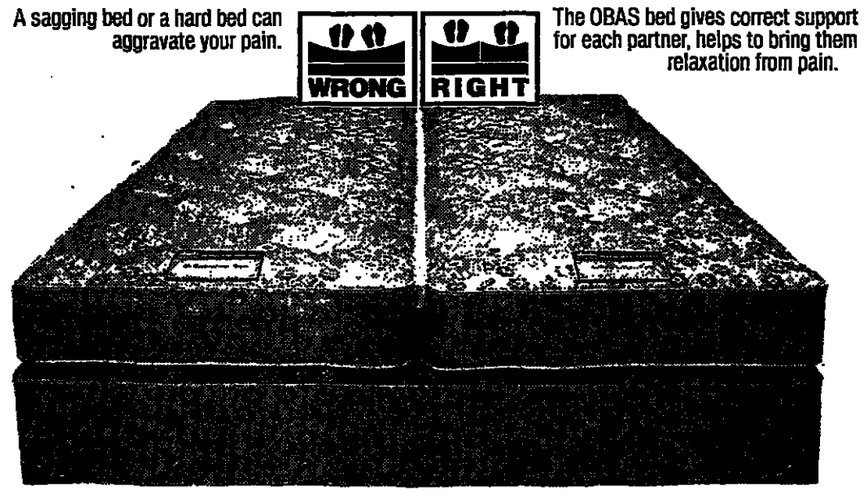
The survey has found that women are more environmentally conscious than men. The person most likely to scrutinise the small print on a bottle of washing-up liquid is a woman aged under 24. The research found that 46 per cent of women actively look for green products, compared with 31 per cent of men.

What has not yet been addressed however, is why "green" washing-up liquid copes with fewer dishes than the product that is kind to hands, and why the organic wine simply does not taste like one's favourite claret or chablis.

RAY CLANCY

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CINEMA

Central casting is put on its mettle

With *Terminator 2* about to arrive in Britain, film-makers should beware of letting special effects androids take over, says Geoff Brown



1991: an endoskeleton in *Terminator 2* typifies the threat to our own imaginations represented by hyper-sophisticated special effects

He walks through steel bars; his arms and fingers stretch into deadly metal daggers. He assumes the shape of anything he chooses, from bothersome security guards to a bulge on the floor. One second he is chrome; the next, human. Bullets just blister his skin. Doused with liquid nitrogen, he shatters, but the fragments soon coalesce into gleaming globules; within a minute, his body jumps back. He is T-1000, the android villain of *Terminator 2: Judgment Day*, Hollywood's gift for the summer holidays (released here on August 16); and if the special effects wizards have their way, he is our future. To build T-1000 into an adversary worthy of Arnold Schwarzenegger, Hollywood's leading special effects experts, Industrial Light and Magic, took a quantum leap beyond cinema's previous possibilities. Using a process dubbed "Morph" (for its metamorphic properties), they fed computers with encoded footage of a chrome robot and T-1000's human component, actor Robert Patrick; the computers did the rest. Another process, nicknamed "Make Sticky", combined live-action footage with computer-enhanced images to produce the effect of a three-dimensional body slipping through steel bars like water dripping through fingers.



1926: the robot in Fritz Lang's *Metropolis*

Clearly, we have left the old world of back projection, miniature models, superimpositions and clever tricks with mirrors. Imagery generated or enhanced by computers can now make everything look shimmeringly real. The old laws of physics are buried; a world of impossible sights, of volatile monsters shifting between flesh and metal, lies in wait.

T-1000 is no one-off stunt. *Terminator 2* is merely the granddaddy of a sprawling new movie family, flush with effects of unprecedented authenticity: films such as *Backdraft*, and, looking to the future, *Alien 3*, *Star Trek 6* and Steven Spielberg's *Hook*. Yet before we become swamped, we should stop the stampede and think. Morph, Make Sticky, and their technological friends are leading cinema by the nose, down a path that may well prove a dead-end. If everything can now be thrust before our eyes in dazzling detail, what is there left for audiences to imagine? What happens to the powers of suggestion, to the pleasure of teasing hints? Can individual artistry survive in a faceless army of computer technicians, image enhancers, or animatronic engineers? Indeed, can human characters survive in the scripts, or will future dramas skip *homo sapiens* for an entire cast of androids, fireballs, alien pods and metal prongs? Before the special effects business shifted gears, with *Star Wars* and other spectaculars of the Seventies, it was still possible to identify distinct personalities in film technology and design. William Cameron Menzies put a strong visual stamp on everything he touched, from *Gone With the Wind* to low-budget jaunts such as *Invaders from Mars*. Men such as Willis O'Brien and Ray Harryhausen peopled the movies with outsize gorillas and prehistoric monsters of character and charm. Les Bowie, a British specialist, for *One Million Years B.C.* created a lava flow out of porridge. But – despite the rogue achievement of a director such as Tim Burton – today's computer-linked techniques work against personal flights of fancy.

Luckily, audiences still enjoy watching stars; could any computer generate someone as bewitching to today's young public as Julia Roberts? Yet, like a Tudor cottage in the shadow of Tesco's, they are clearly threatened with redevelopment. Last year's box-office champion, *Ghost*, mixed its intimate story of love and bereavement with an ethereal special effects jamboree. In *Terminator 2*, despite glints of humanity in Schwarzenegger's self-mocking humour, both leading characters are androids: special effects on legs.

The transformations between robot and human in *Terminator 2* seem light years away from cinema's beginnings, when a special effect meant the substitution of a dummy for an actress on the chopping block, just before the axe fell in an 1895 film about Mary, Queen of Scots. In those pioneering days, special effects clung closely, both in spirit and technique, to conjuring tricks and theatrical fairy-tales. Georges Méliès, French master of the trick film, fashioned his *Trip to the Moon* (1902) from a crazy *mélange* of stop-camera effects, double exposures, superimpositions, gesticulating actors, painted backdrops and props.

Once fantasy cinema left the nursery for the grown-up worlds of silent features such as *The Cabinet of Dr Caligari* or *Metropolis*, the spirit of the conjuring trick still reigned. Stylised sets, kindled in the fires of German Expressionism, astonished the eye and tickled the imagination; there was no attempt to hoodwink viewers into accepting what they saw as reality.

The conjuror's magic persisted right through succeeding decades, with the Empire State Building stunt in *King Kong*, Cecil B. De Mille's uproarious Biblical miracles, and the dainty, brightly coloured voyages of Fifties' science-fiction epics. Such films might not have been strictly believable, but they were always fun.

Now, technical sophistication threatens to erode this spirit of play. Today's effects leave nothing to our imagination: from being active participants in the fantasy process, the audience is turning into a crowd of gawpers. In the short term, T-1000's antics may well make the viewer slack-jawed with awe, but the novelty rubs off with surprising speed.

Ultimately, to survive in good health, popular movies need balanced ingredients. They need human characters, and performers with public appeal; they need to juggle formula plots with individual artistry. They need a combination of conscious artifice with restructured reality. T-1000 and his merry androids seriously threaten the recipe.

There is another argument. By hugely inflating the financial outlay – the rumoured cost of *Terminator 2* is some $100 million (£60 million) – the new special effects hugely increase risks in an already risky business. Unless controls are instituted, the next thing terminated by Schwarzenegger may not be T-1000, but Hollywood movie-making itself.

BRIEFING

Films' theme

THE old UFA film studios in east Berlin, where *The Blue Angel* and other vintage classics were shot, has survived threats of closure to become a theme park. Visitors to the Film Experience Park (covering a quarter of the studio grounds) will be regaled with a replica of a Berlin street from the Twenties, entertainment featuring film star look-alikes, dressing-up sessions with costumes and props, and a pirate village. The German employment ministry funded the enterprise; the doors open on August 15.

Cash points

LONDON City Ballet, which was on the point of closing just over a month ago because of a funding crisis, has now received £255,000 worth of sponsorship from Barclays. The money will pay for the company's new production of *Romeo and Juliet* and a revival of *Swan Lake* for its UK tour, opening on September 4 in Stevenage.

Last chance...

MUCH praised for his environmental concerns, the Turner prize-winning artist, Richard Long, has the entire Hayward Gallery (071-928 8800) at his disposal – inside and out – for his mid-career retrospective. The result transforms the generally unloved South Bank spaces into magical stage-settings for a selection of typical Long forms: stone circles, mud-prints on the wall, records of cross-country walks inscribed and photographed. At the very least, this is superb decoration; it continues until Sunday.

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THEATRE

This may be the dawn of the rising sun

One way traffic: Simon Tait meets two producers and a director who are intent on righting what they see as the artistic imbalance between Britain and Japan

Thelma Holt is a producer with a reputation for putting her hand in the fire and bringing it out holding a bunch of roses. It was she who opened the eyes of West End audiences to the glorious blooms being nurtured in regional theatre in the mid-Eighties by laying *A Chorus of Disapproval*, *Brighton Beach Memoirs*, *A View from the Bridge* and others before the stern metropolitan eye, when she was with the National Theatre.

But when she offered Yukio Ninagawa's *Medea* four years ago, her thoughts were with the audience. "We do try them," she says. "There they are, watching a Greek play in Japanese and every one of them transfixed."

If that was a crazy success, following Ninagawa's Edinburgh Festival *Macbeth* in Japanese that began his reputation as a director here, the dementia has progressed by several grades with the latest venture. Now independent, Holt is co-producing Ninagawa's *Tango at the End of Winter*, a modern Japanese play by Kunio Shimizu with a British cast in an English adaptation by Peter Barnes. It opens both the Edinburgh Festival, at the King's Theatre on Saturday (previews from Thursday), and the Japanese Festival, at the Piccadilly Theatre in London on August 28 (previews from August 23).

As far as Holt is concerned, "You don't discuss with Ninagawa what he's going to do, you start discussions after he's chosen the play. You wouldn't do it with Peter Brook, you don't do it with him." But the production is the last stage of a long plan by Ninagawa's associate, the genial Tadeo Nakane, Holt's co-producer.

Nakane, who studied theatre at the Paris Opera and the Université du Théâtre des Nations, has worked with Ninagawa since 1974. His mission has been to make modern Japanese theatre as acceptable on the Western stage as any other drama.

To fulfil his mission, he has sought and nurtured the essential "craziness", as he calls it, in order to break barriers. He found a convenient pause in the procession of new material on to the British stage, where the love affair with musicals is starting to take on the permanence of marriage. "We need to make something happen in the theatre here," he says.

First, Frank Dunlop was bold enough to take for the Edinburgh Festival a Japanese language version of *Macbeth* with a Japanese cast and a Japanese director, Ninagawa,

'The mission is to make modern Japanese theatre acceptable in the West'

which proved the hit of the 1985 festival. Next, Dunlop put on the Greek classic, *Medea*, with the same cross-cultural formula as before; then classical Japanese theatre with Chikamatsu's *Suicide for Love*. Now the final stage of the acceptance of Japanese drama in the West: a modern Japanese play in English with a British cast, led by Alan Rickman as the rich and admired actor in destructive search of his roots. But Nakane's odyssey almost foundered in the recession and the Gulf war. As he puts it: "Finding money was not a problem before, but this time it was hard. The war cost the Japanese $100 (£60) per head of population, so the government couldn't help and industry was looking the other way."

Holt was in the middle of her own gamble, the Redgrave women in *Three Sisters*, a production to which her own house was mortgaged: it was a critical and financial success in the end. Even after agreement with Holt (there is no contract, just a verbal agreement) Nakane offered to let his production slide for a year, but "Thelma doesn't worry about that sort of thing." Knowing the problems here, Nakane first went to Paris, and found the French "enclosed in the francophone market"; then to New York where even Joe Papp, the famously daring producer, was not bold enough.

The other problem with the *Tango* production is that it is hugely expensive. With a cast of 23 and no compromise on costumes and sets from Ninagawa, for whom image is all important, the play is costing £500,000 to mount. "I went to ask the advice of the Japan Festival's Tokyo committee," says Nakane. "And they made some introductions." He went to see 48 companies, four of which agreed to help.

We met in the Aldwych offices of Duncan Weldon's Triumph Proscenium company, which Holt was borrowing. Nakane again: "I find it depressing to come to London and find one theatre here has American male strippers and the theatre opposite has a farce. I am entirely in agreement with Mrs Thatcher. There *is* an imbalance of trade between our two countries. We have had far too much Shakespeare, Wesker, Shaffer, Lloyd Webber, with nothing going the other way. I want to even up the trade balance."

ADRIAN BROOKS



Tango partners: Tadeo Nakane (centre), Yukio Ninagawa (left) and Thelma Holt

"It is a myth that polo is expensive," says Julian Daniels, the youngest player of Millfield's team and a GCSE candidate. "If you can afford to keep a horse you can afford to play polo."



In Friday's TES Janette Wolf watches the opening chukkas in the inaugural schools' polo tournament.

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Yuri Bashmet: confident display of legerdemain

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Fresh approach works wonders

If the Arts Council had ears to hear (and it is frequently in need of a powerful hearing aid) then a murmur or two should have reached it from the Albert Hall at the weekend. The "solid evidence of national approval" which, *pace* Simon Tait writing here on Saturday, the National Youth Orchestra so badly needs in order to attract sponsorship, should have been there for the taking after its performance of Shostakovich's Seventh Symphony ("The Leningrad"). It must be some time since London (physically) and Britain (televisually) have experienced such thoroughly and precisely constructed, such freshly imaginative playing in this work.

There have been performances of comparable virtuosity; but few in which, for example, the solo in the first movement's long and horrific march-past enters with such a sense of wonder. "Longitude and platitude", sneered Ernest Newman in his time; but neither these players nor this conductor had played the symphony often enough to blunt its point. What more moving expression, after all, of the heroism of endurance and of its concomitant nervous attrition? The NYO nudged us to remember.

There have been performances, too, of equal dramatic power. But David Atherton, conducting on Saturday, looked to its underside as well, increasing the potency of the bass drums' great thwack by the tight elasticity of the string-playing beneath it. He knew, also, the quality of pianissimo in which Shostakovich is speaking what is barely to be articulated.

Walton's Viola Concerto in retrospective contrast seemed a mere will-o'-the-wisp. This work revealed the members of the orchestra as deft accompanists. Their challenge was not only Walton's elusive score, with its long passages of displaced accents and revealingly scanty textures, but the artistry of Yuri Bashmet.

When this work was premiered at the 1929 Proms, Hindemith was the soloist when Lionel Tertis turned the work down. Bashmet made light of its challenges, using his own *legerdemain* to spur on the orchestra's own soloists to a similar light wit and finesse. First horn, then harp, clarinet, and bassoon came to the fore, each one a distinctive voice in this work, and doubtless for the future too.

Peter Donohoe's relationship with the BBC Welsh Symphony Orchestra in the Tippett Piano Concerto on Friday was of a different nature altogether. Like Bashmet, he played from the music, but unlike the viola player, seemed transfixed by the energies (and they were considerable) of his own part, indulging in little close dialogue with the orchestra. This work *must* be about dialogue; (it was born, after all, from Tippett's inhaling the air of Beethoven's Fourth Piano Concerto); and the tendency to confrontation and alternation was also a product of Tadaaki Otaka's conducting: lively but less than authoritative. It was as if Donohoe sub-consciously were making good this imbalance.

His playing *per se* was as musically intelligent, as acute in its listening as one would expect. But the most memorable soloist of the evening was Lyn Fletcher, the orchestra's leader. She spun out Strauss's long, capricious violin solos in *Ein Heldenleben* with a skill and a delight which vindicated the whole garrulous tone poem's implied rhapsody on art as hero. If it had not been for the hall's great resounding circle of space this would, I suspect, have seemed a lightweight performance interpretatively. But, in its context, it succeeded in raising both the temperature and the roof.

HILARY FINCH

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Careful as you go

The holiday advice industry is in spate, finds Nigel Hawkes

Sumer is icumen in, lhude sing beware. So might the 13th century poet Anon have celebrated the arrival of sunny days and summer holidays if he had been fully briefed about the hazards they pose. While people everywhere are sloping off to Tuscany, Greece or humbler destinations nearer home, the advice industry is still in full song. Even to set foot out of doors, it seems, is to risk a terrible fate from exposure to sun, stress, or sewage.

Recently an official from the United Nations Environment Programme claimed that the descent on the Mediterranean by the 120 million visitors expected this year was "a recipe for disaster". He cited pollution, overcrowding, sewage disposal and noise as the principal dangers, and issued an apocalyptic warning that the number of visitors would rise to 350 million by 2000, and 750 million by 2025.

In Australia, a nation once defined by Bondi beach and barbecued prawns, anxiety about the effects of the sun is becoming obsessional. Too much sun is linked with increasing numbers of cases of malignant melanoma, a skin cancer that is also growing rapidly in Europe. "Slip under a tree between 11 and 3" is the slogan used in Australia to try to persuade people to treat the sun with more respect; perfectly sensible advice that has long been followed by Latins.

Less familiar, perhaps, are the warnings given by bodies such as the Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents, which gloomily reports that drownings will double in a spell of warm weather. People have this habit of jumping into water to cool off, you see. In June 1989, a very warm month, 83 people drowned in Britain. Many of those who die are fit young men who may have been drinking or showing off. Even those who can swim well are advised to do it with their mouths shut: there may be blue-green algae in lakes, or sewage in rivers and the sea.

Then there is stress. The Marriage Guidance Council, which now calls itself Relate, says that holidays are periods of great tension because partners are thrown together for 24 hours a day and find they have nothing much to say to one another. The idea that their relationship will be refreshed, as the holiday brochures hint, by romantic romping in the surf or sunset suppers beside the glittering water, is a cruel hoax.

Dr Andrew Stanway, a sex therapist, devotes a chapter in his book, *The Art of Sensual Loving*, to the secrets of a successful holiday with a partner. The emphasis, he says, should be less on sex, more on "restoring the charm and grace in a relationship". Dr Stanway, I suspect, has not spent quite long enough in a French traffic jam with three hot children in the back.

Advice is easily given, but seldom welcome; and those who want it the most always like it the least, as the Earl of Chesterfield sagely remarked. So it seems safe to assume that people will continue to go on holiday and behave imprudently, whatever advice is offered. If the threat of air-traffic delays, unfinished hotels and crowded beaches is not enough to put them off, warnings about the dangers of developing melanoma 30 years hence are scarcely likely to, either.

The advice industry has become part of the background hum of modern life. Regrettably, the government now sees it as part of its job to join in, offering prescriptive advice on diet that ought to appal anybody who claims to be a Tory. Most of the time the sound of Nanny at work is no more irritating than the gentle buzz of a bee; and, like bees, the advisers are often best ignored. But please ignore them in a sun hat.

Japan's winners take all, or more

Joanna Pitman in Tokyo on the financial victims of sham democracy

Japan is no place for an individual nursing a grievance against his government or any of the monolithic corporations that work hand in hand with the government. Individuals living in one of the world's richest nations have learnt to expect little for themselves from Japan's version of democracy.

Sayako Wada, a 67-year-old widow, has followed this summer's unravelling securities scandal with weary resignation. She has seen the value of her 40 years' worth of savings halved in two years, and now she finds that more powerful investors, with names like Toyota Motor, have received special treatment and have not lost a yen.

In other nations that lay claim to Western democratic ideals, such a scandal would have ignited public outcry and street demonstrations, even causing the government to collapse. In Japan, what passes for popular dissent has surfaced in a scattering of irate letters to newspapers, waves of fatalistically shrugged shoulders and muttered agreement that Japanese politics and big businesses are as dirty as ever.

Yet Japan trumpets its constitutional system of freedom and equal rights for all, and in name at least such a system does exist. It was implanted in the soil of Japan at the end of the second world war by the United States. Under the leadership of General Douglas MacArthur, America set about creating a democracy in its own image.

Drastic reforms were introduced, including the dissolution of the *zaibatsu* (the giant financial and industrial combines) and of the old class system. Women's suffrage was introduced, along with equal opportunities in education and freedom to unionise. The Americans abolished press censorship, and worked to install a democratic multi-party political system and to implement laws guaranteeing racial and sexual equality.

Today, half a century on, the democratic social and political systems have been amended to fit indigenous ways, and are now virtually unrecognisable as American models. Such symbols of democracy as opposition parties, law courts and the press, which might be the first ports of call for an aggrieved individual elsewhere, offer scant promise of justice for the likes of Mrs Wada and her fellow investors.

Japan has neither a shadow cabinet nor the role of an official Opposition. The Liberal Democratic party has been in power in one form or another since the war, bar nine months in 1947 when Japan had its first and only socialist government. At present none of the three main opposition parties seriously entertains the idea of wresting power from the LDP, which monopolises the profitable relationships with big businesses, thereby controlling access to the money that in Japan wins votes. It is an open secret that the LDP funnels some of its own money to opposition parties so that the appearance of a fair contest can be kept up.



Big is beautiful: on Tokyo's stock-market the small-fry lost

Nor is the law a refuge for the aggrieved individual. The average Japanese regards the law as an instrument of constraint rather than protection. Bureaucrats, politicians and powerful businessmen tend to pick and choose among laws to further their causes, and if conflict arises, laws are simply given a fresh interpretation.

People are discouraged from litigation by the prohibitively high costs, the lengthy deliberation process (civil suits can drag on for decades) and the slim chance of success. When a group of citizens filed a suit in March against the government's $9 billion contribution to the Gulf coalition forces, the judge dispensed with the problem by ordering each of them to pay stamp duty of $44.8 million as a handling charge for the suit.

Few Japanese expect their rights to be championed in the press. Journalists receive rather than gather information, and tend to accept meekly the guidance given at briefings by both public and private institutions. Initiative and independence are often punished by withdrawal of access to official sources. Government censorship has been abolished, but self-censorship has replaced it.

The Japanese are free to unionise. But in a nation where strikes are restricted to lunch hours and the union boss is either the company president or is expecting a seat on the board, the interests of the company generally take precedence over those of individual workers. Shareholders such as Mrs Wada are free to attend annual shareholders' meetings, but questions are discouraged by gangsters hired to heckle and drown troublesome queries. Shareholders will accept annual dividends of five yen (less than a penny) when capital gain is on the cards; and union members usually accept management pay offers.

The sacrifice by Japanese of personal liberties for the good of their companies has become almost proverbial. Japan's salarymen still put in long hours, take few holidays and largely give up family life for their employers. In return they expect, among other things, long-term job security, health insurance for themselves and their families, and respect in society gained through their company's status.

Corporations still hold the welfare and hopes of employees and their families in an iron grip. Mrs Wada is not marching in the streets denouncing Toyota Motor, dressed in sandwich board and headband. She knows protest would be futile, but it would also, she says, be impolite. After all, a company like Toyota Motor, where her late husband worked an average of 12 hours a day, six days a week for his adult life, still sends her a pension, and flowers every year on the anniversary of his death. This is despotism elaborately clothed in benevolence.

Solomon himself would have wept

The case of a girl in two minds has given the justice system a fearful choice, writes Bernard Levin

There are circumstances which make even me sympathise with the judges. Take the obvious test: would you like to have been on the bench when the case I am about to describe came up before Lord Donaldson, Lord Justice Staughton and Lord Justice Farquharson? For they were dealing with a case no less difficult than the one which so troubled Solomon, without any such solution as Solomon devised. And remember, as you read, that their lordships could not wash their hands of it: one way or another they had to give judgment.

The case concerned an unnamed girl of 15, who is mentally disturbed and in care. Her affliction takes the form of swings between calm and rational behaviour on the one hand, and violent, suicidal tendencies on the other. When in her rational mode, she has voluntarily accepted medication, including trifluopherazine, which is a drug supposed to be helpful in psychosis, but anyway is a sedative.

The girl was living in a place for disturbed juveniles, but after a time she refused drugs, because of the side-effects; she was therefore discharged, and took up residence in a children's home, without the drugs. Both the refuge and the home are part of the services of the London borough of Hammersmith and Fulham.

The borough, mindful of recent horrors, was in a dilemma: should the girl be brought back, and if so, should she be given the drugs against her will? The interim solution was to make the girl a ward of court, so that a court would have to make the decision.

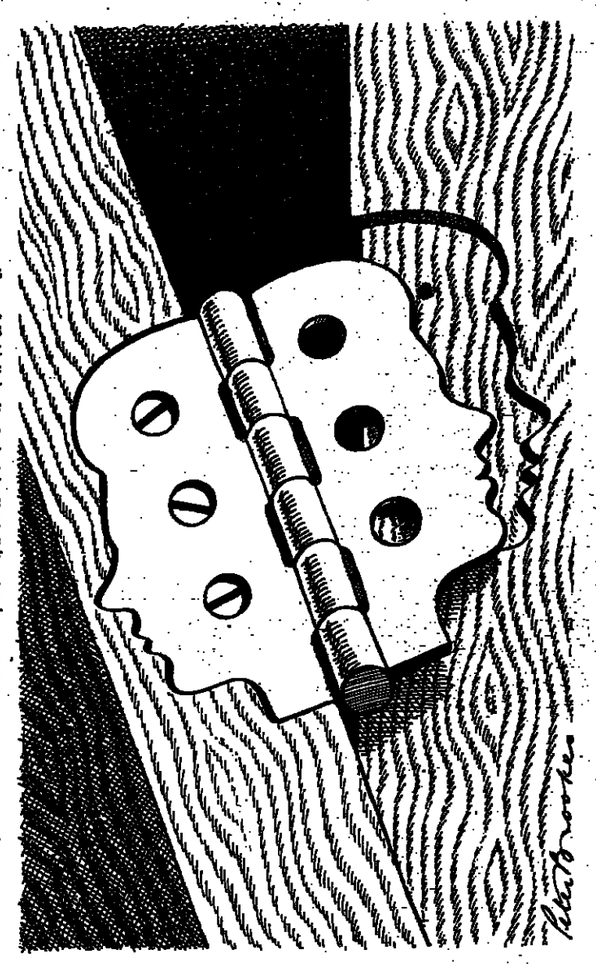
The court heard argument which relied on an important principle: that a person, though a minor, can refuse medical treatment provided it can be shown that he or she understands the implications of the decision. Although the girl was not an infant, and had been rational when she refused any more medication, Mr Justice Waite, in the High Court, (where the case first came to rest) said that the principle could be set aside in this instance because she was incapable of making fully informed decisions – a judgment that in itself raised more difficulties than it solved. (A child psychiatrist, called in evidence, had said that the girl was quite capable of making up her mind in full understanding of the implications of her decision; the evidence of her behaviour in rational mode reinforced that argument. In addition, there is a House of Lords ruling on the matter which strengthens the right of minors to decide for themselves. On the other hand . . .)

In the Court of Appeal, their lordships unanimously ruled that the borough *may* bring the girl back and give her the drugs against her will.

Before I turn to the deeper implications of that decision, I must dwell a little on more homely matters. What happens when the borough's men come to take the girl? Suppose, though still in her rational condition, she refuses to go with them; what degree of force is here permissible? For that matter, what degree of force is necessary? Is the borough willing to countenance a scene in which a sane girl is fighting and screaming?

Suppose that by force, deceit, cajolery or promises, the girl is returned to the medical unit where she had been. Suppose further that she remains in her right mind but still refuses the drugs. A tough, determined, rational 15-year-old can put up a considerable struggle against an approaching hypodermic; how many borough officials will be needed to hold her, and to hold her sufficiently still for the needle to go in? (It is such questions, of course, that you and I would ask first, which is precisely why people like me accuse judges of being naïve and unworldly.)

And yet there is a real dilemma here. We have concentrated on the girl's rational condition; what about her psychotic state? Violence and attempted suicide seem to be the highlights of it, in which the principle of "sufficient understanding to make decisions" certainly does not apply. Must the borough resign itself to following the ups and downs of the unfortunate girl's condition, alternately applying and suspending her treatment? In a sense, that is exactly what should be happening, and in a perfect world would be, but we all know that it is in practice out of the question – the resources are simply not available. (How would you like to be an overworked mental-hospital orderly coping with the disturbed girl?) The law prides itself on its meticulous made-to-measure decisions, but here they are all but useless; whatever the decision, it would have to be applied with the bluntest of blunt instruments.



Suppose (I am doing a great deal of supposing today, but in these circumstances it is inevitable) the condition of the girl, left without medication on her own insistence, were to deteriorate rapidly and seriously, so that her life was in danger; adults have rights over their bodies, but minors do not, or at least the rights they have are necessarily qualified. If the afflicted girl, in her crazed condition, can be saved only by medication she has refused in her right mind, what do the doctors do if they have no guidance from a court judgment?

You may say that such hospital decisions are taken hundreds of times every day; do you remember the uproar when somebody elucidated the meaning of the letters NTBR on the chart at the foot of many elderly patients? The sinister acronym vanished, but the decision it implied inevitably went on being taken, no less frequently than before.

Of course, there is something for unease in the very thought of giving anyone medication by – it would ultimately be inevitable – force. People of my age particularly, who lived through the second world war and the revelations that followed it, cannot repress a shudder when the topic arises even in the calm, ordered world of the law. Yet I emphasise that the judges in this case had no option but to hand down a judgment, once the girl was a ward of court – after all, wards of court are by definition those whose place or condition or danger are such that the law must look after them.

Hard cases make bad law; yes, but hard law makes bad cases. Who would be a judge, when such meetings of immovable objects and irresistible forces are in the lists? Remorselessly and immediately, a decision is demanded of them; we can discuss such things over the dinner-table, and assume the mantle of Aristides, but what we say has no effect on a 15-year-old girl, living the life of a pendulum that swings her back and forth into madness and sanity. It is the judges' inescapable role to stop the pendulum for a moment and hand down a decision which may be the saving of her, or which may be her final destruction.

The judges in this case have given their judgments, but not yet their reasons. These can only issue in a woven cord, consisting of cold precedent entwined with a smouldering guess; who can say what is better for the girl when roughly half the time she doesn't know herself? By the Archons of Athens, by the *Corpus Juris Civilis* of Justinian, by the Code of Hammurabi, by the Divan of Haroun-al-Raschid, by the pricking in my thumbs (something wicked this way comes), I swear I never thought I would live to pen these words: I feel sorry for Lord Donaldson.

...and moreover

Matthew Parris

Retriever – *retrieve*: yes, I do see now. Sam's mistress has just explained. It has honestly never struck me before. That inane obsession with fetching things has been bred into Sammy's doggy tribe for a thousand years, to assist huntsmen.

I find that sad. It must be miserable to spend your entire life gnawed at by an instinct to do something which is now useless. Maybe Sammy realises that we only throw sticks to humour him: maybe he would like to ignore them: but he just can't. And he looks so plaintive as he drops the offering at your feet, searching your eyes for some sign of approval.

Our two collie dogs in Spain follow family promenades, dividing up the work. Archie, the male, accompanies the leading walker while Rosie, the bitch, pathetically tries to round up the stragglers and herd them forwards. Sam, Archie and Rosie would each be so good at what they do, if there was any call for it. Life offers little more poignant, I think, than the tragedy of an eager skill for which there is no longer any need.

And is it not remarkable how narrow and precisely directed are the skills with which man has been able to imbue individual breeds of dog? I expect this has been done by a combination of natural and artificial selection, allowing only those puppies with the strongest trait of the desired kind to reproduce, so the trait grows stronger with each generation. That it can be done surprises me not at all; what surprises me is that it can be done so fast and accurately, a breed custom-made for a special purpose in a few hundred years or less. Look at pit bull terriers, otter-hounds or pointers.

I was mulling over this yesterday as I mowed what passes for my lawn in Derbyshire. There's a lot of land around my house and I aim to keep the grass down with a Flymo. It takes hours, it is hard work, and it seems pointless because the grass just grows again – fast. I have tried sheep, but they eat everything else, too. So I mow: a waste of electricity, my own energy and the grass's, as we pit ourselves against each other to the benefit of neither man nor beast.

Sammy had left an unpleasant pile in the middle of the grass. Unwise to Flymo over that, so I stopped to trowel it up. Another waste. Heaven knows what it costs his owners to keep him in Pedigree Chum, and where do all those expensive tinfuls end up? In energy expended on fetching sticks nobody wants, and in the distasteful contents of my trowel.

Then it occurred to me. Could we not breed dogs to eat grass? I say "breed", not "train". This would take many decades, I realise, but why not start now? Dogs are omnivores and can already live on vegetables. By selecting those puppies that showed the greatest willingness to eat their greens, we could nudge the breed, generation by generation, towards an exclusive diet of foliage.

Why not use sheep, you ask? Sheep are stupid. A millennium of breeding would be needed to refine a sheep into something that could understand the difference between grass and lupins, and comprehend man's desire that the lupins be saved. Anyway, sheep are no fun and cannot do tricks.

Dogs, however, are intelligent friends. Once they had learnt to eat foliage, they could very quickly learn *which* foliage. Anyone who has watched sheep-dog trials will realise that commands such as "eat the front lawn, Rover, avoiding the herbaceous borders" would be a simple matter for a trained lawndog. It will give a whole new meaning to the name "border collie".

Nor need we stop there. Just as we market different types of lawnmower for different mowing jobs, so we could develop different breeds of lawndog. For heavy-duty work on playing fields, something with an exceptionally wide mouth and rapid chomping action, with the instinct to go backwards and forwards all day in straight lines, would be useful. For smaller, finer, ornamental gardens your ideal dog would need rows of tiny, neat teeth and a low-slung head, cropping close to ground level. It would be able to eat in curved lines, following a sweep around the rockery.

For me, a sort of all-purpose mower-cum-strimmerdog would be best. These would be less accurate, but would be able to tackle brambles and do a little elementary pruning.

"Pluto," I shall call, "eat the garden! Wait, *wait* ... there's a good boy. Now, *eat!*"

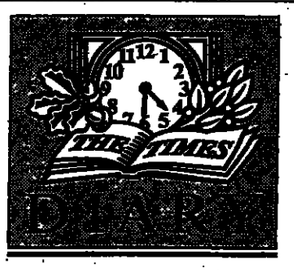
Howard keeps shop

As John Major enjoys a break in Spain and the most senior members of his cabinet, Douglas Hurd, Norman Lamont, Kenneth Baker and Chris Patten relax or prepare to do so in Tuscany or France, the chance to shine in their absence falls to three of the newest members of the government.

When Patten flies to France in the middle of the week the reins of power, for a short while at least, will be in the hands of Michael Howard, the employment secretary, who joined the cabinet only last year. Regarded as one of the government's most able performers, Howard has had a meteoric rise, but he is hardly yet a household name. If an emergency arises, however, he will not have to deal with it alone. He will be able to call on the assistance of his colleagues William Waldegrave and David Mellor. There is nothing to choose between the rank of the three men in the ministerial pecking order, but Howard's slightly longer cabinet career makes him the nominal boss.

Downing Street will not divulge whether Major left instructions in the event of life-and-death decisions having to be made. Officials emphasise that, like his energetic predecessor, he is capable of running Britain from whatever part of the world he is in. "The prime minister is still in charge. They have faxes and telephones, you know," a spokesman says.

Still, if the need arises Howard can call a cabinet meeting. Lord Hailsham, whose father regularly stepped into Stanley Baldwin's shoes when he went on his annual holiday, says: "It's a great misconception to assume cabinet meetings require prime ministers in the chair. Any cabinet minister can chair them."



● *Perhaps Mildred Gordon, the Labour MP for Bow and Poplar, Tower Hamlets, should take a closer interest in local politics in her East End constituency. Gordon, who lives in north London, went to a civic function in Tower Hamlets. When she was introduced to a man wearing a mayoral chain of office she asked: "You're the mayor of where?" He replied: "The mayor of Tower Hamlets."*

Arms and the men

Some American soldiers who served in the Gulf have taken their souvenir-hunting expeditions a bit too far. Customs officials, in at least 300 incidents, have found bayonets, rifles, pistols, and explosives stashed away



in the suitcases of returning troops. Letters home have also contained illegal spoils of war. With 42,000 troops still in and near Kuwait, the US defence department has issued a warning to military personnel to resist the temptation to help themselves to military trophies. Permitted trophies include mess kits, helmets, water canteens, badges, uniforms and hats. Bayonets can be brought back only if they are shipped and properly packed with military units. "All firearms and explosives are prohibited," says the spokesman. Any parcel weighing more than 18 ounces is now being inspected three times by x-ray. "It will be naive to think there will not be more," the spokesman says.

Rolling thunder

No one in the Ministry of Defence, or in the rest of Whitehall for that matter, is willing to admit to knowing how extracts of *Thunder and Lightning – the RAF in the Gulf* were serialised in *The Sun* on Saturday. Her Majesty's Stationery Office, the publisher of the book, intended to be an official MoD history of the war, appears not yet ready to answer charges of commercial exploitation made by the Tory MPs demanding an enquiry. "There is no one on duty," said a security guard yesterday at the HMSO office in Norwich.

The historian Charles Allen was commissioned by the Central Office of Information to write the book, the extracts from which revealed details of the torture of British prisoners at the hands of the Iraqis. A deal was struck between Allen, the COI and HMSO. But the COI was also washing its hands of the matter. "We cannot make a statement as we do not know if there are any negotiations, and if there are any, what state they are at."

The MoD, which has effectively gagged many troops from recounting their stories to newspapers, adhered to its own vow of silence yesterday. "It's nothing to do with us. Talk to the HMSO. It's their book." Field-Marshal Lord Carver, a former defence chief of staff and a military author, says: "If the MoD does not know, nor does the COI, who does? This is a very unfortunate development in military publishing."

Seminar influence

With exquisite timing the Department of Trade and Industry is launching a series of seminars for businessmen on the role of export controls of militarily sensitive goods. Entitled *The Changing Threat in the 1990s*, the one-day seminars will address ways of preventing the proliferation of nuclear, chemical and biological weapons, and missile delivery systems.

The department's publicity material helpfully explains why people should attend. "There is a growing danger of companies wrongly believing that equipment or technology they produce is not of value to the proliferator. Attending the seminar will enable companies to better understand a proliferator's needs and the risk of inadvertently becoming involved."

The seminars, which will take place next month in the aptly named University Arms Hotel, Cambridge, have been cancelled in the past because of lack of interest. There is little fear of that now: any spare places will surely be booked by DTI officials, eager for advice.

● *Some estate agents will go to any lengths. "Historic loch with unique fish for sale," trumpeted the blurb for the sale of Castle Loch, at Lochmaben. "The vendace, once thought to be extinct, is present and thriving." However, introduced from northwest Russia in the 19th century, the last specimen was caught in Britain 75 years ago. The estate agents have taken the hint. The latest blurb states: "The vendace is* thought *to be present and thriving."*

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TIMES PAST — THE TIMES

TROUBLING MR LILLEY

Peter Lilley, the trade secretary, was finally stung yesterday into enlisting the only allies the government has in the continuing furore over militarily sensitive exports to Iraq: detail and scientific precision. On the specific instance raised by *The Sunday Times*, that of depleted uranium sold to Iraq, he made out a convincing case that no military use was involved. But the operative word is "stung". On the BBC, Mr Lilley accused the press of inflating and prolonging the affair simply because August is a slow-moving news season.

His performance was brutal and effective. But such mud-slinging is no way to respond to legitimate public anxiety about Iraq's nuclear and chemical warfare capacity and about lax export controls. By implying that the media have a nerve to ask him and his department probing questions, Mr Lilley only reinforced the impression of a government on the defensive. So did Chris Patten, the Tory chairman, who yesterday denounced the Labour party for "trying to make trouble on bogus grounds in August".

Mr Lilley stated yesterday that, of the cargo listed by Customs as 8.6 tonnes of depleted uranium, 8.5 tonnes consisted of heavily-protected consignments of radio isotopes. These were "for medical and other industrial purposes". Exports of uranium shields for radiographic cameras used in the oil industry accounted for the rest.

The press, he complained, had failed, "possibly deliberately", to distinguish between natural uranium, of which he had earlier said only two grammes had been exported, and depleted uranium. This, he said, was like confusing alcohol-free beer with hard liquor. Mr Lilley forgot to mention that depleted uranium is used in armour-piercing shells. But he is right that it can be converted to plutonium only in nuclear reactors of a type and power Iraq was not, and is still not, thought to possess. He could have saved himself a lot of trouble if he had said everything he said yesterday, clearly, coolly and without evasion, at an earlier stage. He could also have added that, as a country which had ratified the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty, Iraq had the right to expect exports of uranium 235 to be authorised provided there was no suspicion of cheating or intent to cheat.

No such defence, however, exists with regard to British exports of precursor chemicals which can be used in the manufacture of mustard and nerve gases. So far, the responses of Department of Trade and Industry officials make a desert mirage looks solid by comparison. Thiodiglycil for example, one of the precursors for mustard gas, appeared on the April DTI list supplied to the select committee but was apparently there by mistake. None was shipped.

If the April list was as inaccurate as is now claimed, Mr Lilley has work to do. He must publish a definitive version, now. And he must convince the public that his officials are willing and able to supply such data. He and his officials sound lame when they argue that some of these chemicals, thionyl chloride for example, have other non-sinister uses. That is true, but irrelevant. In defiance of international law, Iraq used chemical weapons between 1982 and 1988 against Iranian troops and then against its own Kurdish civilians, killing an estimated 8,000 people. Iraq was known to be diverting chemicals to illegal use and all such exports should therefore have been banned.

The DTI cannot shelter behind end-use certificates purporting to show that the chemicals Britain exported were for peaceful uses. One does not give a terrorist a gun just because he says he fancies a bit of pigeon shooting. So long as the department continues to flourish these certificates as proof that its hands are clean, the public will remain unconvinced that the "very strict" licensing procedures to which Mr Lilley referred yesterday are anything like effective enough.

The point at issue is not what has happened but what may happen. The government does not like debating the precise width of the stable door. But what the public really wants to know is whether it has yet been bolted. The more Mr Lilley gets angry when forced to come clean about the past, the more many will suspect him when he insists that the future will be different.

NOT TO BE WATERED DOWN

The government, eager to be seen wearing fashionably Green clothes, is pushing ahead with legislation for a new and exciting environment agency before the next election. The agency would thus be an achievement to earn voters' admiration rather than a mere promise to tempt their cynicism. The agency's passage to birth may not be a quiet one, however, for out in the Whitehall jungle lurk predators. The Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food (Maff) would like to drag to its lair the drainage and flood-control limbs of a dismembered National Rivers Authority.

The monstrous Maff should be driven off, and the NRA preserved intact as the core of the new umbrella body for environmental protection. Otherwise the government will deserved to be condemned for having launched the agency with a shameful surrender to vested interests.

The NRA, only two years old, is already a success. Its prosecution of Shell UK for polluting the Mersey, resulting in a fine of £1 million, put industry on notice that the NRA is not to be trifled with. This reputation is good news for the environment. But it is bad news for farmers, who do not want a tough-minded public agency telling them, say, that they cannot drain the Somerset Levels beyond their present critically dry condition. Nor do they welcome challenges to their right to scatter the land with nitrates and phosphates regardless of the effect on water quality.

Not for nothing is Maff sometimes called the Whitehall branch of the National Farmers Union. Ministers of agriculture, including John Gummer, see it as their job to "speak up for British farmers". As five leading environmental bodies said in a letter to *The Times* on Saturday, Maff is far too farmer-friendly to look after water resources on behalf of the wider public interest.

The NRA's land-drainage and flood-control powers are executive as well as regulatory. But the new agency is intended to be a monitoring and occasionally a prosecuting body, not one that digs ditches. The government wants to absorb the NRA's regulatory role into the new agency. But that would leave the management of water resources, of which drainage is part, at a loose end. And there is much more to land drainage than drains.

Whatever else happens, the non-regulatory side of water management should not be handed over to Maff. Agriculture is only one of many interests to be reconciled. The NRA, for instance, is starting to tackle the sorry state of many southern chalk streams, whose flow and water level has been reduced (causing "natural" pollution from algae and weed) by over-abstraction of groundwater, often by farmers.

The Council for the Protection of Rural England (CPRE), one of the five which protested on Saturday, publishes a pamphlet today to encourage public agitation for the improvement of England's rivers, and specifically targets over-abstraction. Complain to the National Rivers Authority, urges the CPRE, for it can revoke abstraction licences which are being abused. But complaining to the Ministry of Agriculture would be like complaining to a burglars' union.

The distinction between water-quality regulation and water resource-management is a false one, as the government perceived when it gave both functions to the NRA at its creation. Seeing that there is enough water and seeing that that water is pure are two halves of the same whole. Michael Heseltine, the minister playing midwife to the new environment agency, should not fall for the simplistic dogmatism which says the new agency should only regulate, never manage. The whole of the NRA, not just its pollution inspectorate, should become the water-management department of the new umbrella agency. And Maff's bid to take over land drainage should be left to sink.

HAPPY FOURTH AGE

Methuselah, the longest-lived of the antideluvian patriarchs, was 969 when he died, so Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother, who celebrated her 91st birthday yesterday, has some way to go. None the less hers is a singular achievement. Its essence lies not in the fact that she is very old. Plenty of people now go on into their nineties. At birth, the average British female can expect to live to the age of 78.1. As they get older and some drop out of the race, life expectancy of the rest rises. What matters is not how old the Queen Mother is but what she is at her age.

Her good works are legendary. More legendary still is her capacity for enjoyment. A winner still lifts her; and a gin and dubonnet cheers. That gives her an enviable capacity to be the cause of cheers and cheerfulness in others. Old age: sans everything? Sans nothing, in her case.

Age gets a rotten press. Alzheimer's and incontinence, loneliness and boredom, fading physical powers and weakening mental faculties; these, it is too easily assumed, are the invariable lot of those who live long. There is, thankfully, more understanding now that it need not always be thus. The notion of a "third age", after retirement, where people can both enjoy themselves and serve others, is now widely accepted. But the fourth age, the eighties and beyond, is still wrongly regarded with dread.

The blunt fact is that more and more people are going to experience it. At present, there are 800,000 people in Britain over the age of 85. But this population really is exploding: to an expected 1.4 million by 2025. This terrifies health ministers, who know health service budgets will have to meet their high medical needs. It alarms many students of the problems of the elderly, who point out, for example, that around half of those over 85 live alone, and nearly half — though not necessarily the same half — cannot walk down the road unaided. Despair at this burden on society even leads some to contemplate the case for euthanasia.

Yet there is another side to all this. If half the over-eighties cannot walk down the road unaided, that means half can. Many very elderly people remain fit and well. Many continue to enjoy family and friends. Leslie Collier, an Australian, last week became a father for the sixth time at the age of 92.

Typecasting by age is as objectionable as typecasting by race, sex or class origins. Indeed, many societies have reserved high honour for the elderly, and a wisdom only years can bring. Many — China and until recently Russia — have been essentialy gerontocratic. But governing is hardly an appropriate activity for a very old person. Living life to the full, displaying wisdom and *joie de vivre*, surely is. If setting an example is one of the prime functions of royalty, the Queen Mother's merry fourth age is an example that cannot be bettered.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Women's voices, loud and clear

From Ms Margaret Prosser

Sir, So Angela Rumbold, in an effort to convince women from all walks of life that the government is aware of their problems, is prepared to offer herself as an agony aunt ("Ministers expect child-care help for working mothers", report, July 30).

Of course the government is aware. Mrs Rumbold only has to look at the issues raised by women through the TUC women's conference, the National Conference of Labour Women or, indeed, the women's election agenda conference held by the UK Federation of Business and Professional Women, at which she herself was a speaker in January.

Women such as those she has said she wishes to hear from — nurses, teachers, shop assistants and those involved in setting up small businesses — were all in attendance at this year's conferences and spoke of their needs. They called for more and better affordable child-care and better vocational training opportunities and services for carers generally. Future governments were urged to take note of the particular needs of women from ethnic minorities and the needs of the ever-increasing numbers of part-time women workers.

Representations have been made to the government by, among others, the Maternity Alliance on EC directives which affect the health and safety of pregnant women at work as well as their entitlements to leave and the right to return to work. The Equal Opportunities Commission has made proposals on improvements to the sex discrimination and the equal pay acts and on a more coherent government approach to child-care.

There has indeed been a 60 per cent increase in the number of registered day nurseries, but this is from an extremely low base and is exceeded by the 81 per cent increase in the number of day nurseries which are exempt from registration.

Given the continuous stream of information to the government, why does Angela Rumbold feel the need to speak with women individually? Does she feel that the collective voices of women, speaking through representative organisations, are distorted or less accurate? If so, why does the government listen to the collective voices of the CBI or the Institute of Directors?

Yours faithfully,
MARGARET PROSSER
(National Women's Secretary),
Transport and General Workers' Union,
Transport House,
Smith Square, SW1.
August 1.

Dissatisfied readers

From Mr Vincent Brome

Sir, The new document produced by the British Library Regular Readers' Group (report, July 26, later editions) is not representative of the library's 50,000 readers, so far as I am aware of their views. Divided into three, one group regrets but accepts the necessity of leaving the round reading room, another is flatly and vociferously against, and a third holds divided allegiances.

The 73 new seats are at least an increase and not a decrease. The new library embraces 19 outhouses, which represents a triumph of centralisation, not a "continuing need for considerable outhousing", as stated in your report.

Do the RRG regard themselves as bette. able to determine priorities for books in need of preservation than the British Library, which has its own conservation department, with all modern methods of monitoring the condition and use of books?

If the RRG succeed in keeping the reading room open it will duplicate staffs in three separate venues, all of which are likely to be under-employed, which will put impossible financial strains on already crippled funding. It will produce three half-empty reading rooms, treble delivery delays and subject books to the continuous damage of an inter-library van service.

All for what? The satisfaction of the aesthetic needs of the current generation of readers, instead of the preservation of a priceless collection for a thousand years or more.

Yours sincerely,
VINCENT BROME,
45 Great Ormond Street, WC1.

'Looking-glass' politics of EC farming

From Lord Hamilton of Dalzell

Sir, Anatole Kaletsky, writing on the proposals by Ray MacSharry, the European agricultural commissioner, for transforming the common agricultural policy ("Looking-glass world of CAP politics", Business and Finance, July 29) has a point. The future of agriculture lies in the direction of a freer market.

The problem with MacSharry is that the world prices with which the main commercial producers are to be aligned are themselves the result of massive subsidies. Unless the de-escalation of subsidies is agreed internationally it would be suicidal to take on the US. We need to have a response from the US as part of the Gatt (General Agreement on Tariffs and Trades) negotiations.

I also am less sanguine about the rise of ecu 4 billion in the CAP budget than he is. In spite of a major shift in policy, the price has still gone up substantially. There is no guarantee that if we continue down this road unilaterally the costs to the taxpayer will fall, nor, when we become dependent on American food production, that Europe will be able to feed itself more cheaply than it now does.

The fact is that the price of food from the farm is historically very low in real terms, even within CAP. Because subsidies are so general internationally, nobody knows at what price demand could be satisfied by how many farmers.

The attention of the developed world is centred on removing a world production surplus of about 5 per cent. Sooner or later it may succeed. The interesting question is, what will prices be like then?

Yours faithfully,
HAMILTON of DALZELL,
Betchworth House,
Betchworth, Surrey.

From Lord Inglewood, MEP for Cumbria and Lancashire North (European Democrat (Conservative))

Sir, Anatole Kaletsky's appraisal of the politics in CAP is unfair to John Gummer's response to the MacSharry proposals. Because the structure of UK agriculture is somewhat different from that of the continent, there is a great reluctance there to take seriously the real problems facing UK agriculture and the countryside which, in turn, has led to their being largely ignored.

The discriminatory nature of the MacSharry proposals is that they accept the problems facing continental agriculture and their rural, environmental and food policy implications, yet ignore many of the equivalent problems in the UK because they appear in a slightly different guise.

Yours etc.,
INGLEWOOD,
Hutton-in-the-Forest,
Penrith, Cumbria.

From Mr Anthony Farrant

Sir, Mr Kaletsky has illumined the farm subsidy problem clearly and impartially and indicated ways to a better system in the future.

May I suggest that this issue is well worth inclusion within the scope of the citizen's charter — or rather, consumer's charter, as Lord Gladwyn (July 25) refers to it. After all, there are perhaps 56 million consumers in the United Kingdom and some 237,000 farm holdings.

At an extra cost of something like £16 a week per family of four due to subsidies, this is surely the biggest "rip-off" of them all.

Yours faithfully,
ANTHONY FARRANT,
Silver Lodge,
The Park, Great Barton,
Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk.

Spa bowling arena

From the Chairman of the British Spas Federation

Sir, Mr T. A. Dalton, leader of Warwick District Council (July 29), writes that it is "Father Time who is wearing down the pump rooms" at Royal Leamington Spa. This is nonsense. It is sheer lack of maintenance and investment by the council that has allowed the decline.

Warwick District Council intend to host the World Spa Congress in 1992, through the good offices of the British Spas Federation. I will be attending this year's Spa Congress in Hungary next month and may very well have to apologise to the congress for the state of Leamington's pump rooms, and even to suggest a different venue for the 1992 meeting.

Yours faithfully,
IAN R. McCRAE, Chairman,
The British Spas Federation,
Eden Cottage, Jamestown,
Strathpeffer, Ross-shire.

From Dr Callum MacDonald

Sir, Councillor Dalton asserts that major historic landmarks in Royal Leamington Spa have never been disfigured or removed by development. Yet the indoor bowling centre proposed for Victoria Park (report, July 18) will not only occupy public green space but will also violate a living war memorial, a magnificent arc of trees planted by public subscription in 1950 and dedicated to the Leamington dead of the Second World War.

The arena will be sited in the middle of this arc. One of the two commemoration stones at the park gates has already been moved and rested for some time beside a rusty rubbish skip, and Councillor Dalton has refused to give any undertaking about the permanent resting place of these stones. A memorial planned and positioned with great care by the former borough council, on a site open to the whole community for whom these servicemen gave their lives, is likely to be turned instead into a memorial to the insensitivity of their successors.

Yours faithfully,
CALLUM MacDONALD,
University of Warwick,
Department of History,
Coventry, West Midlands.

Medical lecturers' pay

From Dr C. L. Smith

Sir, Your article, "Lecturers sue Clarke on pay" (July 29), detailed the problems of academics due to delays in pay settlements. A particular problem faces those doctors who teach medical undergraduates and carry a burden of responsibility for the quality of medicine in this country. They undertake the major proportion of medical research and spend at least half their week as doctors in the NHS.

Since 1968 universities have paid clinical academic staff on the same scales as their NHS counterparts. This year the Committee of Vice-Chancellors and Principals has said universities cannot afford it. Clinical academic staff are being offered almost 3 per cent less than others.

Already examples have arisen of doctors withdrawing applications from academic posts and failure to fill chairs in certain medical schools. The consequences are potentially disastrous if this problem is not resolved immediately.

Yours faithfully,
COLIN SMITH (Chairman, Medical Academic Staff Committee),
British Medical Association,
Tavistock Square, WC1.

Endurance axe

From Captain P. McLaren, RN (retd)

Sir, Sheila Gunn's thoughtful article on HMS Endurance (July 29) stressed the importance of the ship to the Falklands rather than to Antarctica. In Falklands terms Endurance has high political value but little military or other practical utility; in Antarctic terms she has high all-round value as an integral part of the strong, benevolent, constructive influence which Britain has long wielded in Antarctic affairs.

The integration lies in the co-ordinated efforts of a mutually supportive triad — the FCO, the British Antarctic Survey and Endurance. The huge Antarctic region is very important in terms of international relations, science, the environment and conservation — all areas of endeavour in which Britain is well placed to contribute. But to weaken or eliminate one element of her influential triad is to weaken seriously the whole.

I think that we can trust an outward-looking government to ensure that major departments of state constructively reconcile their policies, to build on success and commit the petty cash necessary to pursue even more vigorously the interests of Britain and the international community in Antarctica.

Yours faithfully,
P. McLAREN (Commanding Officer, HMS Endurance, 1984-6),
The Blue House, East Marden,
Chichester, West Sussex.

Philosophers at odds

From the Editor of the Bulletin of Medical Ethics

Sir, Daniel Johnson ("When philosophers cast the first stone", July 29) completely misses the point in supposing that "the acrimony of the present commotion" over the cancellation of the forthcoming Salzburg conference on Wittgenstein lies between two groups of philosophers.

In German-speaking Europe there is a much more substantial threat to academic freedom and to freedom of speech. It was posed originally by groups of disabled people who believe that if one is capable of discussing a subject like euthanasia, one makes it more likely to happen. Those groups now have the support of various political parties and sections of both the Catholic and Protestant churches.

There have been other recent threats or actual disruption of meetings — sometimes because the subject was euthanasia, or because a colleague of Professor Peter Singer [the Australian philosopher and advocate of euthanasia whose planned lecture was the cause for cancelling the Salzburg conference] was to speak, and sometimes just because medical ethics more generally were to be discussed.

In June last year a meeting of the European Society for the Philosophy of Medicine and Health Care, planned to be held in Bochum, Germany, had to be moved at short notice to the Netherlands because of such threats. Last October two meetings on euthanasia in Austria were cancelled at short notice, disruption having been threatened by the Green and Communist parties, and by the local Catholic bishop. Most recently a meeting was disrupted in Zurich at the end of May. Not only was Professor Singer again shouted down by disabled protesters; he also had his glasses knocked off and broken by one of them.

Far from being an "unseemly squabble", the Austrian incident is further evidence of the growing difficulty of discussing applied ethics in a large part of Europe.

Yours faithfully,
RICHARD NICHOLSON, Editor,
Bulletin of Medical Ethics,
13-14 Great Sutton Street, EC1.

The third paragraph of the letter from Lord Campbell of Croy (July 31) on the European fishing judgment should have read:

That quota system will now become ineffective and lose respect because the Spanish vessels will be able to fish for the UK quotas, adding to the size of the eligible UK fleet. No doubt this "quota-hopping" will increase and be extended elsewhere.

Barring the gate?

From Mr James S. Argles

Sir, "Watergate", "Irangate" — and now "Inkathagate" (leading article, July 25) has joined the roll of honour. Will our trusty barrier, be it lych, front, five-barred or otherwise, ever regain its erstwhile role? Or are gates henceforth only to be seen as implements by which maximum damage may be inflicted on anyone within range?

I remain, Sir, etc.,
JAMES S. ARGLES,
Kidside,
Milnthorpe, Cumbria.
July 30.

The way we are, as seen in Minsk

From Ms Vivien Allen

Sir, The happy result of a letter of mine you were kind enough to publish on December 21 last year was a reply from a Russian reader in Minsk. We have kept up an interesting correspondence since. Vladimir says he would like to visit Britain one day because he feels he knows it well: he has read and enjoyed all the novels of Dickens and Walter Scott and most of H. G. Wells.

What three novels published during the last 25 years (and preferably available in paperback) should I send him to bring his knowledge of life in Britain a little more up to date?

Yours faithfully,
VIVIEN ALLEN,
8 Scarlett Road,
Castletown, Isle of Man.

Citizens' health

From Dr Ronald Finn

Sir, The recent citizen's charter has suggested that the whole population, not just those groups of patients forming part of GPs' new contracts in April last year, should have regular health checks with a view to preventing disease. This is likely to be ineffective and may indeed lead to a deterioration in the national health.

Three of the main targets would be diabetes, high blood pressure and a raised cholesterol as a marker of heart disease. Detection of raised blood pressure and sugar in the urine would detect disease but not prevent it.

There is also considerable doubt as to whether treatment of early disease significantly improves the long-term outlook. Thus there is no proof of the efficacy of drug treatment in the management of mild high blood pressure, as opposed to the small number of cases with very high blood pressure.

Apart from the obvious fact that time spent on screening would reduce the amount of time available for treating patients with established disease, there are major risks associated with long-term use of drugs in which there is always a chance of side effects. If we reach a situation when we have a large medicated population, then the risks of drug side effects could easily outweigh any long-term benefits.

We now know that a healthy lifestyle is the most important determinant of good health. Cigarette-smoking reduces lifespan by an average of ten years. Heavy alcohol intake is deleterious and a healthy diet reducing red meat, excessive dairy products, sugar and salt is important.

This information should be conveyed to the public by a small central unit using television as its medium. Television proved very successful in the United States. The present policy of local health promotion units is both expensive and ineffective.

Yours faithfully,
RONALD FINN
(Consultant physician),
Royal Liverpool University Hospital,
Prescot Street, Liverpool 7.

A dressing down

From Mrs Fabienne Smith

Sir, Your Diary report (July 31) of a kilted Scotsman being turned away from St Peter's Basilica makes a contrast to an occurrence at the Palm Sunday ceremony at St Peter's in 1842. In a letter home, a Mrs Hamilton of Greenock wrote about the princes and others queuing for a palm and the Pope's blessing:

Figure to yourselves our astonishment, when a smart little man strutted past us with a kilt and belted plaid fastened with an enormous cairngorm.

She heard bystanders wondering what country's costume it was:

Some said Hungary, some Siberia, and one venerable old priest remarked it was a dress fitter for a ballroom than to come before his Sacred Majesty.

Yours sincerely,
FABIENNE SMITH,
55 Manor Place, Edinburgh.

MPs' pay

From Mrs John Stafford

Sir, "Civil servants' pay is to be linked to performance" (report, July 25). As the pay of members of Parliament is linked to that of civil servants, can we look forward to MPs being similarly evaluated for performance-related pay? This would make a fine addition to the citizen's charter.

Yours faithfully,
CAROLINE STRAFFORD,
Perama, Fulmer Road,
Gerrards Cross, Buckinghamshire.
July 31.

The young idea

From Mrs Marigold Freeman-Attwood

Sir, We have just introduced our visiting grandchildren to the game of Old Maid. After the first hand our granddaughter was jubilant at becoming the Old Maid and genuinely baffled when it was pointed out to her that by the rules of the game she was in fact the loser.

Is this is a sign of the times?

Yours faithfully,
MARIGOLD FREEMAN-ATTWOOD,
Flexford, Wanborough,
Nr Guildford, Surrey.

Letters to the editor should carry a daytime telephone number. They may be sent to a fax number — (071 782 5046).

COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
August 4: The Prince Edward this morning visited The Boy's Brigade International Camp at Hazelhead Park, Aberdeen and later took the salute of The Brigade's Parade through Aberdeen and afterwards attended their Service in the Music Hall, Aberdeen.

His Royal Highness was received by Mr Richard Ellis (Deputy Lieutenant of the City of Aberdeen).

The Prince Edward, Patron of The Haddo House Hall Arts Trust Appeal, today attended a reception and lunch to inaugurate the Peatyards Project, Haddo House, Aberdeen.

His Royal Highness was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Aberdeenshire (Captain Colin Farquharson of Whitehouse).

Lieutenant-Colonel Sean O'Dwyer was in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE
August 4: The Prince of Wales attended the Inaugural Dinner to mark the start of the Course at his Summer School in Civil Architecture at Magdalen College, Oxford.

CLARENCE HOUSE
August 4: Today is the Anniversary of the Birthday of Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother.

Today's royal engagement

The Princess Royal, as President of the Royal Yachting Association, will attend a council meeting on board HMY Britannia, Cowes, at 5.00.

Anniversaries today

BIRTHS: John Wrottesley, 2nd Baron Wrottesley, astronomer, Stafford, 1798; Alexander Kinglake, historian, Taunton, 1809; Edward John Eyre, explorer and governor of Jamaica, Hornsea, Yorks, 1815; Guy de Maupassant, short story writer, Miromesnil, France, 1850; Harold Holt, prime minister of Australia 1966-67; Sydney, 1908.

DEATHS: Thomas Newcomen, inventor of the atmospheric steam engine, London, 1705; James Gibbs, architect, London, 1754; Frederick North, 2nd Earl of Guildford, prime minister 1770-82, London, 1792; Richard Howe, Earl Howe, admiral, 1799; Friedrich Engels, co-author of *The Communist Manifesto* (1848), London 1895; Phil May, caricaturist, London, 1903; Arthur Meighen, prime minister of Canada 1920-21, 1926, Toronto, 1960; Marilyn Monroe, Los Angeles, 1962; Richard Burton, actor, Geneva, 1984.

The Nuclear Test Ban Treaty was signed by Britain, US and Russia, 1963.

Forthcoming marriages

Dr D.W.S. Harris and Dr F.M. Cowan
The engagement is announced between David, son of Professor and Mrs John Harris, of Sevenoaks, Kent, and Frances Mary, daughter of Sir Robert and Lady Cowan, of Farr, Inverness-shire.

Captain A.H. Mullan and Miss P.M. McArdle
The engagement is announced between Captain Hugh Mullan, Royal Signals, son of Mr and Mrs H.J. Mullan, of Belfast, Northern Ireland, and Pauline, daughter of Mr and Mrs J.B. McArdle, of Clear Water Bay, Hong Kong.

Mr J.A. Owrid and Miss E.J.B. Parkinson
The engagement is announced between Jonathan, only son of Mr and Mrs Arnold Owrid, of Gatley, Cheshire, and Emma, daughter of the Right Hon Cecil and Mrs Parkinson, of Northaw, Hertfordshire.

Mr A. Vickerstaff and Dr K.M. Macrae
The engagement is announced between Andrew, second son of the late Dr T. Vickerstaff and of Mrs G. Bennett, and Kirsten Morâich, eldest daughter of Dr and Mrs D.K. Macrae.

Mr R.N. Warington Smyth and Mrs C.N. Bullock
The engagement is announced between Rodney Warington Smyth, of Flushing, Cornwall, and Nicky Bullock, of Lymington, Hampshire.

Marriages

Mr J.M. Bayley and Miss A.F. Stogdale
The marriage took place on Saturday, at All Saints' Church, Witley, Surrey, of Mr Mark Bayley, son of Mr and Mrs Gordon Bayley, of Witley, to Miss Annie Stogdale, daughter of Mr and Mrs Vivian Stogdale, of Shotover, Oxfordshire. The Rev Ian Fenton and the Rev Stephan Hopkinson officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her brother, Mr David Stogdale, was attended by Valerie Wilson, Fergus Wilson and Oliver Stogdale. Mr James Terry was best man.

A reception was held at the Old Manor, Witley, and the honeymoon will be spent abroad.

Mr A.L. Carrington and Miss C.G.R. Bertie
A service of blessing was held on Saturday, August 3, at the church of St Peter and St Paul, Yattendon, following the marriage of Mr Andrew Carrington, son of Captain and Mrs Norman Carrington, to Caroline, daughter of Mr and Mrs Peregrine Bertie. The Rev Philip Allin and the Rev Paul Dowling officiated.

The bride was attended by Victoria Woods, Georgina Sherrington, Sam and Matthew Burden.

A reception was held at Frilsham Manor and the honeymoon will be spent abroad.

Mr D.M.J. Craig and Miss L. Ratcliffe
The marriage took place on August 3, at St Mary's, Wedmore, Somerset, of Mr Duncan Craig, younger son of Mr Ian Craig, of Richmond, Surrey, and of Mrs Jill Craig, of Panborough, Somerset, to Miss Lindsey Ratcliffe, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Donald Ratcliffe, of Latcham, Somerset. The Rev Peter Stretton officiated.

The bride was attended by Hannah, Laura and Emily Ratcliffe, and Katie and William Foster. Flight Lieutenant Toby Craig, RAF, was best man.

A reception was held at Battleborough Grange, and the honeymoon is being spent abroad.

Professor J. Sepkoski and Professor C. Janis
The marriage took place in America, on July 21, between Christine Janis, of Gerrards Cross, Buckinghamshire and Brown University, and John Sepkoski, of New Jersey and Chicago University.

Mr D.C.S. Smellie and Lady Emma Beauclerk
The marriage took place on July 20, 1991, at St James's Church, Christow, Devon, between Mr David Smellie, son of the late Professor R.M.S. Smellie and of Mrs F.M.D. Smellie, and Lady Emma Beauclerk, daughter of the Duke of St Albans and of Viscountess Exmouth.

Brewers revive ancient tipple fit for a goddess

By NORMAN HAMMOND, ARCHAEOLOGY CORRESPONDENT

AN American scholar and a brewer have teamed up to recreate one of the world's earliest beers. Using a recipe contained in a hymn to the Sumerian goddess of brewing they produced a beer with "the smoothness of champagne and a slight aroma of dates".

Named Ninkasi after the goddess, the beer was made by the Anchor Brewing Company in San Francisco, using a honey and barley flour mixture to make *bappir*, a sweet bread which formed the source of hydrolysed starch and also of proteins and flavours for the mashing process. The "Hymn to Ninkasi" specifies that "sweet aromatics" were included in the bappir, but US food regulations prevented dates, the probable flavouring agent, being included until a later stage of the brew.

The experiment was based on a new translation of the hymn, which dates to around 1800 BC and was carried out by Solomon Katz of the University of Pennsylvania and Fritz Maytag of the Anchor brewery.

The final product, which was flash-pasteurised because the likely ancient preservative has not been identified, had a strength of 3.5 per cent alcohol, about 7 degrees proof.

An experimental tasting of the fresh beer using long straws and jugs in the Sumerian fashion was followed seven months later by a further assessment. "The beer had a dry flavour lacking in bitterness, similar to a hard apple cider but retaining the fragrance of dates," the researchers say.

Source: *Archaeology* 44 No. 4:24-33.

Birthdays

The Hon Charles Allsopp, chairman, Christie, Manson and Woods, 51; Professor Neil Armstrong, first man on the moon, 61; Mr Billy Bingham, football manager, 60; Professor Sir Michael Drury, former president, Royal College of General Practitioners, 65; Miss Barbara Flynn, actress, 43; Major-General W.H. Hargreaves, physician 83; Miss Jacquetta Hawkes, archaeologist, 81; Miss Joan Hickson, actress, 85; Mr Alan Howard, actor, 54; General Sir Peter Inge, 56; Sir Michael Kerry, QC, former Procurator General and Treasury Solicitor, 68; Sir Bert Millichip, chairman, Football Association, 77; Mr Rodney Pattisson, yatchsman, 48; Mr K.P. Pearson, headmaster, George Heriot's School, Edinburgh, 50; Sir Eric Pountain, chairman, Tarmac, 58; the Hon Miriam Rothschild, entomologist, 83; Mr Nicholas Scott, MP, 58; Lord Sefton of Garston, 76; Miss Theodora Turner, former matron, St Thomas' Hospital, 84; Mr John Whitaker, showjumper, 36.

OBITUARIES

JOHN FIELD

John Field, CBE, a former director of The Royal Ballet, London Festival Ballet and the Royal Academy of Dancing, died on August 3 aged 69, after long fight against cancer. He was born in Doncaster on October 22, 1921.



FOR A decade after the post-war reopening of Covent Garden, John Field was one of the leading dancers there, proving a pillar of strength for a series of ballerinas in the classics and creating two big roles opposite Margot Fonteyn. Then, still at the height of his ability, he gave up dancing to undertake the task of directing, enlarging and developing the sister company which until then had been based at Sadlers Wells.

This he did so successfully that its standards in the difficult circumstances of almost continual touring complemented, and in some respects surpassed, those of the resident London company. He revealed a great gift for developing young talent and a whole generation of the Royal Ballet's finest dancers grew up inspired by his leadership.

Field's ability was recognised by his appointment, jointly with Kenneth MacMillan, to direct the combined Royal Ballet companies on Sir Frederick Ashton's retirement in 1970. But the arrangements were badly mishandled and Field was put in a position where he felt obliged to resign. Out of loyalty to the company he refused to comment publicly on the way he had been treated and set about starting his career elsewhere at the age of 49. He became in turn director of ballet at La Scala, Milan, director of the Royal Academy of Dancing in London, and artistic director of London Festival Ballet.

All of these he handled with his accustomed skill, resource and cheerfulness, but with hindsight it seems clear that not only Field's career but probably that of MacMillan too and indeed the whole well-being of the Royal Ballet would have benefitted if matters had been differently managed in 1970.

Field (he shortened the family name of Greenfield for the stage) began dancing at Shelagh Elliott-Clark's School in Liverpool and made his first appearances at 17 with the Liverpool Ballet Club. He soon made his way to London and at just 18 joined the Sadlers Wells Ballet for its first wartime tour starting in December 1939. Before being called up for the forces in 1942, he had several roles, the most important being as the solitary male dancer in *Les Sylphides* and the Lover in Ashton's *The Wanderer*.

After war service in Europe, Field rejoined the company in time for its move to Covent Garden. Among his wide range of roles there Florestan in *The Sleeping Beauty* and the Caricaturist in Massine's *Mam'zelle Angot* were early successes and he will be remembered also in Balanchine's *Ballet Imperial* and de Valois's *Checkmate*. He was especially suited to Ashton's ballets, creating small parts in *Scenes de Ballet* and *Cinderella*, dancing both the hero and the villain in *Sylvia*, and being in the premières of *Daphnis and Chloe*, as Dorkon, and in *Tiresias* as the lover of the female Tiresias, both with Fonteyn in the lead. Chiefly, he was invaluable in the classics as a partner for Beryl Grey, Violetta Elvin and Svetlana Beriosova: tall, slender, an excellent partner with a direct, manly presence, and displaying both brilliance and elegance in his solos. *Swan Lake* was the first and best of these assignments and he danced part of it with Grey in an experimental stereoscopic film, *Black Swan*.

By 1956 it was decided that the small Sadlers Wells Theatre Ballet must enlarge its classical repertoire and take on an increased share of touring in place of the Sadlers Wells Ballet at Covent Garden. Ninette de Valois chose Field to become its resident director, sensing in this shrewd, confident, intelligent and outgoing Yorkshireman a capacity for leadership and administration.

Within a few months, Sadlers Wells Theatre decided it could no longer take responsiblity for the company (which was costing it £6,000 a year) and the Royal Opera House became its official base. Later that year, a Royal Charter officially cemented the relationship between the two companies of what became the Royal Ballet with Field as assistant director.

Between 1956 and 1970 the Royal Ballet's touring company with Field in charge, mounted for the first time *Giselle*, *Swan Lake*, *The Sleeping Beauty* and *Raymonda* in very sound versions. It also presented new works by Cranko, MacMillan, Ashton, Tudor and Morrice and tried (although with disappointing results) to develop new choreographers. Field produced a constant stream of new dancers to take the leads. The most notable from a very long list were Doreen Wells, Lynn Seymour, Brenda Last, Lucette Aldos and Margaret Barbieri, Donald MacLeary, Christopher Gable, David Wall, Paul Clarke and Stephen Jefferies.

Equally important, Field inculcated throughout the company a strong sense of drama and a determination to entertain and fire the imaginations of audiences the length and breadth of Britain — and on long overseas tours — who might otherwise see and know little of ballet. Every performance ("even on Thursday night in Hull", one of his ballerinas said) had to be the best possible.

In 1968, Field was asked whether he would take over as director of London Festival Ballet where Donald Albery was about to withdraw after conducting a successful salvage operation following a financial crisis. Field told Sir David Webster, then general administrator at Covent Garden, who asked him to stay and announced that Field and MacMillan would become joint directors on Ashton's retirement in 1970.

However, when they took office, Field found that he was listed as administrative director with MacMillan taking precedence as artistic director. This apparent relegation and an increasingly obvious incompatibility of their views led to his resignation. Although he soon found similar employment in Milan, the Scala proved, as often before and since, unwilling to put itself out for ballet.

Field was glad to return to Britain to take charge of the Royal Academy of Dancing and later to succeed his old partner Beryl Grey as director of Festival Ballet (she had taken the job when he refused it). He tried to implement his old policies of developing talent within the company, with some success in respect of dancers but little luck in finding new choreographers. When he retired in 1984 his chief legacy to his successors was the acquisition of Cranko's *Onegin* for the repertoire. Field married the dancer Anne Heaton in 1958; they had no children. He was appointed CBE for his services to ballet in 1967. His lively personality made him widely liked and he retained the intense loyalty of his dancers from the old touring Royal Ballet. Many of them assembled with Field for a party last year to mark the 20th anniversary of their work together which achieved so much for British ballet.

YOUSSEF IDRIS

Youssef Idris, Egyptian novelist and playright, died on August 1 in London aged 64. He was born in the Nile Delta on May 19, 1927.



YOUSSEF Idris was one of a dozen Arab men of letters who dominated Arabic literature at a time of great transition, when Arab society came into widespread contact with the ways of the West and was being jolted out of its stultified, traditonal mould. As a writer who had to choose how many barriers to break, he will be studied by the scholars of the future, while some of his novels and plays will be read to shed light on the society which they reflected. He himself believed that his work better deserved the Nobel prize that was awarded to his compatriot Naguib Mahfouz.

Born to a civil servant in the most northerly region of Egypt, Idris studied medicine and practiced as a surgeon before producing his first work of fiction, a collection of short stories entitled *The Cheapest Nights*. He subsequently wrote nine plays and 11 novels, as well as many more short stories, before ending up as a political and social columnist in Egypt's most prestigious newspaper, *Al Ahram*. But his leftist views always made him an outsider and were the reason why, in his own opinion, the first Nobel prize to be won by an Arab was not awarded to him.

In his plays, he used modern Western devices, but was also inspired by Egypt's own traditional street theatre. The dialogue of his characters reflected Egyptian dialect in an attempt to make his fiction accessible, which risked incomprehension by other Arabs. But in narrative, he had to revert to classical Arabic, which is everywhere formal and lifeless. Nevertheless, wherever possible, he tried to inject dynamism into his narration by borrowing from dialect without sounding too intimate.

His best known novels are *The Forbidden*, *The language of Jewellery*, and *The White One*, while his most successful play is entitled *The Clowns*. Most are about life among the poorer strata of Egyptian society.

In 1954 under President Gamal Abdel Nasser, he was arrested and held with other leftist writers for 13 months, though he never joined the Communist Party. After his release, he stopped writing about politics, even after the death of Nasser. Under President Anwar Sadat, he remained out of favour. He resumed writing political commentary under President Hosni Mubarak, publicly thanking the new leader for allowing him to write in freedom. Nevertheless, he criticised the government's observance of the Camp David accords, to the extent that he would not meet Israeli writers at international conferences.

In recent years, his column in *Al Ahram* gave him social esteem akin to that of a film star. But, owing to the non-observation of copyright laws in the Arab world, he did not become a wealthy man.

He died after receiving medical treatment in London for two months following a brain haemorrhage.

ALLAN WILSON

Allan Wilson, FRS, professor of biochemistry at the University of California, Berkeley, has died in Seattle aged 56. He was born in Ngaruawahia, New Zealand on October 18, 1934.

ALLAN Wilson's studies of the genetic material DNA convinced him that the whole human race was descended from an ancestral mother who lived in Africa more than 100,000 years ago. His controversial and entertaining theory was based on the fact that mitochondria, structures within human cells that help produce energy, possess their own genes, separate from the chromosomes that determine all the other human characteristics. While ordinary genes are contributed both by fathers and mothers, mitochondrial DNA derives solely from the mother. This means that each successive generation gets an almost exact copy of the mitochondrial genes of its mother, altered only by variations caused by genetic mutation.

Wilson believed that he knew how quickly such mutations occurred, making it possible to compare the mitochondrial genes of different races and trace their origin back to a common ancestor. This turned out to be the "African Eve", the archetypal earth mother from whom all of us are ultimately descended. The rate of change implied that she must have lived between 100,000 and 200,000 years ago.

His theory was irresistible to many, but palaeontologists found the emphasis on molecular biology rather too challenging to be accepted without a fight. In a field where whole theories have been based on a single jawbone, the analysis of DNA and its evolution were a powerful tool that needed time to become accepted. Some claimed that the Eve hypothesis reflected a desire for sensational theories rather than the acceptance of mundane gradual change, as well as a willingness to accept the results of molecular biology without criticism.

Wilson himself was totally convinced: "The argument is done, clinched, finished. It's over", he declared at the annual meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science in 1990.

He was born in Ngarnawahia, New Zealand, and was awarded his PhD at the university of California at Berkeley in 1961. He subsequently became a member of the faculty there and later professor of biochemistry and molecular biology. In the 1960s he worked with Dr Vincent Sarich, also of Berkeley, on the idea of using molecular change as a clock that could be used to trace human origins. The first major conclusion was that apes and humans evolved from different evolutionary lines that split off from one another five million years ago. The African Eve hypothesis followed many years later.

Wilson, who was elected a fellow of the Royal Society in 1986, was being treated for leukaemia in Seattle when he died. He is survived by his wife Leona, a son and daughter.

Nature notes

AUTUMN migration is beginning. Sand-martins are drifting south from Scotland, and sometimes appear in quite large flocks over estuaries or reservoirs. At dusk, they perform rapid aerial manoeuvres over reedbeds before plunging into the reeds to roost. Along the estuary shores, curlews that have come down from the moors move all night with the



SAND-MARTIN

tides, as feeding places are covered or exposed: their trilling calls can be heard far off in the darkness. Whimbrel, which are like small curlews with a striped crown, are also appearing in ones or twos; occasional black terns are coming in on the east coast.

Great hairy willow-herb is in full bloom, with its pink and cream flowerheads. Two smaller willow-herbs, the broad-leaved and the spear-leaved, are also common in waste places. Red valerian grows like battlements on the top of old walls; at the foot of the wall there is often to be found spotted persicaria, or red-leg, with pink flowerheads that look more like seeds and a red stalk, and leaves that appear to have a dark blood-stain on them. Young frogs have dispersed and are foraging for insects in the thick grass, but they will return to their native ponds to breed.

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Sigmund Sternberg

Use and misuse of religion

RECENT religious revivals experienced in particular by Jewish, Christian and Muslim communities as a result of the tumultuous growth of communications, rather than strengthening spiritual values, have assumed frightening forms of intolerance, exclusiveness, racism and fanaticism as well as nationalism, using religion as a weapon in defence of particular causes.

The Gulf war has even more sharply focused attention on this concern, which had prompted the International Council of Christians and Jews (ICCJ), long before its outbreak, to devote its 1991 annual Colloquium to an in-depth examination of the use and misuse of religion in defence of national and fundamental values.

Some three hundred theologians, historians, educators and lay leaders from 25 countries as far afield as Japan, New Zealand, Australia, Egypt, Israel, the Soviet Union, North America, Western, central and Eastern Europe endeavoured to disentangle what is considered legitimate use of religion, its fundamental values which form its tenets in a particular age or culture, from its apparent misuse.

What is fundamentalism and how do we respond to it? What are our fundamental values and how should they be defended? How do we use or misuse holy scriptures for social and political ends?

All participants shared the awareness that religion is a problem, a major factor in the divisions and quarrels of humanity. As the Bishop of Oxford, the Rt Rev Richard Harries, pointed out in his keynote address, it is a passion, or it is nothing.

There can be little doubt that the many years of Christian-Jewish dialogue have created a climate allowing those who hold to truths to use those truths in ways that will lead to enhancing respect for and affirmation of people of other traditions. It makes room also for the inclusion of Muslim participation wherever this is relevant.

Four days barely suffice to come to a consensus even about the interpretation of the theme under discussion. There is great need also to follow up the questions raised and their application in a world which becomes increasingly aware of the need to change attitudes and, in the words of the ICCJ's German president, Dr Martin Stoehr: "We Jews, Christians and Muslims dance and join in battle so that the world will continue revolving, will at long last become a humane home for all people to live together in justice, peace and unblighted hope."

And in particular, there is need for funding so that the work of the ICCJ, which has its headquarters in the heart of Germany in the former home of the great Jewish philosopher Martin Buber, can effectively play its part in this process. The German federal government has assured the council of its support for viable ongoing work. I can but hope that other European governments too will understand the need to further the interfaith dialogue which evidently nowadays, more than ever before in history, plays such an important part in the shaping of our future.

If religion throughout the ages, and certainly in many parts of the world today, has been used as a weapon for destructive purposes, are we not called to demonstrate that as people of faith we can both live in passionate commitment to our respective tradition and at the same time in compassionate respect of each other and to affirm that the faith commitment of each one is only truly realised when we live in that mutual respect accordingly?

Sir Sigmund Sternberg is chairman of the executive of the International Council of Christians and Jews and a Knight Commander of the Papal Order of St Gregory the Great.

Royal visits

The Princess of Wales will visit Pakistan in September at the invitation of the Prime Minister of Pakistan.

Princess Alexandra will attend the première of the film *Anima Mundi* and a dinner in aid of WWF International at the Château de Versailles, France, on September 17.

The Duke and Duchess of Gloucester will visit Luxembourg and Germany from September 20 to 25.

Church news

Appointments

The Rev Christopher Beard, Team Vicar, Ifield Team Ministry: to be Vicar, St Richard, Hinwards Heath (Chichester).

The Rev Stephen Bellamy, Personal Chaplain to the Bishop of Liverpool to be Vicar, St James, Birkdale (Liverpool).

The Rev Nicholas Cook, Unit Chaplain, Leicestershire Mental Health Unit (Leicester): to be Chaplain to Quainton Hall School, Harrow (London).

The Rev Rejinder Daniel, Adviser on Black Ministries (Birmingham): to be also part-time Chaplain, The Birmingham General Hospital (Birmingham).

The Rev Brian Davis, Vicar, Coppenhall-cum-w Poolton: to be Vicar, Hinckley (Leicester).

The Rev Stanton Ducant, Archdeacon of Liverpool Designate: to be also Vicar, All Saints, Stoneycroft, and an Honorary Canon of Liverpool Cathedral (Liverpool).

The Rev Malcolm Fenwick, Vicar, Delaval: to be Vicar, Riding Mill, and Priest-in-charge, Whittonstall (Newcastle).

The Rev Simon Griffiths: to be Chaplain/Successor of Rochester Cathedral (Rochester).

The Rev Nicholas Hay, Curate, Holy Redeemer, Shadsworth (Blackburn): to be Curate, Hellesdon, Norwich (Norwich).

The Rev John Howden, Rector, Doddinghurst w Mountnessing: to be Warden of Pleasley Retreat House, and Priest-in-charge, Pleasley (Chesterfield).

The Rev John Kelly, Curate-in-charge, Staley and Hensley: to be Team Vicar, Alston Team (Newcastle).

The Rev M Geoffrey Lackey, Vicar, St James, New Barnet (St Albans): to be Vicar, St John the Evangelist, Hoddington (Chichester).

The Rev Dr Maureen Palmer, Stipendiary Assistant, St Mark's Talbot Village, Bournemouth (Salisbury): to be Assistant Curate (Chaplain and Successor), Birmingham Cathedral (Birmingham).

The Rev David Pearson, Assistant Curate, Shawbury (Lichfield): to be Vicar, Marshfield w Mainstall Burgh, Wolfhouse and Yanlam (Norwich).

The Rev Ivor Phillips, Chaplain of Charing Cross Hospital (London): to be Chaplain, All Saints, Milan w Genoa (Europe).

The Rev John Pyle, Team Vicar, St Mary, in the Willington Team Parish: to be Vicar, Chollerton, Birtley and Thockrington, Haydon Bridge.

The Rev Jane Skinner, Parish Deacon, (NSM), Coniston w Torver: to be Parish Deacon (NSM), Dalton in Furness (Carlisle).

The Rev Stephen Skinner, Vicar, Coniston w Torver: to be Vicar, Dalton in Furness (Carlisle).

The Rev Canon A Michael P Smith: to be Rural Dean of Rye (Chichester).

The Ven Graeme Sutton, Archdeacon of Liverpool: to be Archdeacon Emeritus, following his retirement on 31 July.

The Rev John Stevenette, Team Rector, Whitwood and Penistone (Ely): to be Rector, The Itchen Valley (Winchester).

The Rev John Smith, Priest-in-charge, Christ the Redeemer, Southall: to be Vicar, St Andrew's, Kingsbury (London).

The Rev Mark Smith, Vicar, St John's, Kimberworth Park (Sheffield): to be Church Pastoral Aid Society Consultant in the North East Region.

The Rev Brian Swindell, Assistant Curate, St Mary, Wombwell w St George, Jump: to be Vicar, St Andrew's, Brinsworth w St Mary's, Catcliffe (Sheffield).

The Rev William Taylor, Chaplain to the British Embassy, Jordan: to be Vicar, St Peter's, Ealing (London).

Resignations and retirements

The Rev Brian Baxter, Vicar, St Francis, Heartsease (Norwich): to retire from 29 December.

The Rev Roy Blewett, Priest-in-charge, Cornhill w Carham and Branxton (Norwich): to retire from 30 September.

The Rev Howard Cresswell, Vicar, St Barnabas, Heaham (Norwich): to retire from 8 September.

The Rev Ivan Downie, Vicar, Westerhope (Newcastle): to retire from 31 October.

The Rev Canon Alastair Elcoat, Vicar, Portsmouth, and Rural Dean of Northam, Berwick upon Tweed (Newcastle): to retire from 30 September.

The Rev William Howells, Vicar, Lupton Team Ministry (Exeter): to retire from 31 August.

The Rev Douglas Lansbatre, Rector, Bentley w Langham (Chelmsford): to retire from 30 November.

The Rev M David Mumford: to resign as Rural Dean of Rye from 31 July. He continues as Vicar, Bodiam and Rector, Ewhurst (Chichester).

The Rev Ewith Plant, Deacon, Christ Church, Thurnby Lodge (Leicester): to retire from 1 October.

The Rev Roger G Robinson, Rector, Drayton and Felthorpe (Norwich): to retire from 1 October.

The Rev Bernard Sullivan, Vicar, Blaydon (Newcastle): to retire from 31 October.

The Rev Ronald Wells, Priest-in-charge, Woodcliff-on-Sea, St Peter (Chelmsford): to retire from 30 September.

Church of Scotland

Ordinations and inductions

The Rev Marjory MacLean, Assistant, Fairmilehead, Edinburgh.

The Rev Barry Knight to Sandsting and Aithsting, Shetland.

The Rev Barry Brown to Benbolm and Johnshaven with Garvock St Cyrus.

Ordination and introduction

The Rev Douglas Stevenson, Associate Minister at Rainnes Lockhart Memorial, Edinburgh.

Translations

The Rev Alexander Muir from Carnoway with Kells to Carluke.

Retirements

The Rev Mary Stewart from Papa Westray with Westray, Orkney.

Methodist Church

Appointments

The Rev F W Ronald Crewes to be Chairman of the London North-East District from Superintendent Minister, Great Yarmouth and Gorleston Circuit.

The Rev Kenneth S J Hext, MA to be Chairman of the Plymouth and Exeter District from Chairman of the Shetland District.

The Rev Brian G Pawley, BA, PhD to be Chairman of the Chester and Stockport-Trent District from Superintendent Minister, York (South) Circuit.

The Rev David B Peddish, BSc, BD to be Chairman of the Bolton and Rochdale District from Superintendent Minister, Hazel Grove and Poynton Circuit.

The Rev Alan Worrall, MA to be Chairman of the Shetland District from Superintendent Minister, Dover and Deal Circuit.

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But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you; and you will bear witness for me in Jerusalem, and throughout all Judaea and Samaria, and even in the farthest corners of the earth. Acts of the Apostles 1:8 REB

BIRTHS

AUBREY - On Saturday, August 3rd to David and Gail (née Owen), their first son, Matthew David.

BRADBURY - On August 2nd, to Shirley and Clive, a son, Richard Clive, a brother for Verity.

CLOUGH - On July 29th, to Victoria (née Pryor) and Denis, a daughter, Alice.

COOKE - On July 31st 1991, to Miranda and Hugh, a son, James Edward John, a brother for Charlotte and Victoria.

DOUWES - On July 20th, in London, to Ingeborg and Evert, a daughter, Olivia Caroline Anna Maria, a sister for Alexandra.

JENSEN - On July 29th, to Anne (née Strutt) and Bernard, a son Peter Andrew Graham, a brother for Robert.

MACFARLANE - On July 26th in Edinburgh, to Katy (née Reade) and Ross, a son, James Hume Reade, a brother for Matthew and Andrew.

PAGE - On July 30th, to Celia (née Caroe) and Christopher, a son, Leo Humphrey, a brother for Edmund, Angela and Patrick. L.D.S.

ROGERS - On August 1st, in Hong Kong, to Isabelle (née Lennon) and John, a son, William John.

SCHOLLE - On March 28th 1991, Juliana Sabrina Lucien, a second daughter for Robert Scholle and Janie Lucien-Scholle of Limerston Street, London, a younger sister for Katherine and a second grand-daughter for Kim and Jeanne Lucien of Billings, Montana and Esther Scholle of Manalapan, New Jersey.

STYLE - On August 2nd, to Victoria (née Miles) and Christopher, a son, George Alexander.

TRIPP - On August 1st to Mandy (née Crowther) and David, a son.

WESLEY - On August 1st, at RHCH Winchester, to Sally (née Codner) and John, a son, Samuel John Sebastian.

WOODWARD - On August 2nd, to Susan (née Roberts) & Stuart, a son, Jonathon Rowan

DEATHS

DU BOULAY - On August 2nd, peacefully in hospital at Margate, Jane Batke Du Boulay BEM, Freeman of the Cinque Port of Sandwich, aged 85, widow of Squadron-Leader Guy George Houssemayne Du Boulay. Cremation private: by her wish no flowers but donations, if desired, to NSPCC, Sandwich District, c/o Barclays Bank, 2 Cattle Market, Sandwich, Kent. A Thanksgiving Concert will be given at Sandwich on a date to be announced.

EVANS - On July 26th 1991, Laurence James Evans C.B.E., aged 73, formerly of H.M. Diplomatic Service (one-time Consul-General at Geneva, Barcelona and Andorra), dear husband of Clare, father of Elspeth and brother of Betty and Estelle. Cremation has taken place in Eastbourne.

HANN - On August 2nd, John Jenkins Hann of Chipstead, Surrey aged 87, formerly Manager of the Eastern Bank, London. Funeral service at Randall's Park Crematorium, Leatherhead, on Thursday August 8th at 12 noon.

HOFFORD - On August 1st, 1991, Frances Olive Beatrice of Rondebosch, Cape Town, South Africa. Wife of the late Lt Col R.McV Hofford, Indian army.

HYMAN - On August 2nd 1991, Helen Josephine, aged 91, peacefully. Much loved widow of Leonard Hyman and mother of David and Robin.

MONRO - On August 1st, peacefully at West Mersea Nursing Home, Kathlyn Beatrice (née Doig), aged 85, dearly loved granny to Philip, Alan, Charles, Penny, Richard, Kim and Michelle. Funeral at Weeley Crematorium, near Clacton-on-Sea, 11 am August 9th. Enquiries to (0255) 424676. bouquets only please.

OLSZEWSKA - On July 25th 1991, after a long illness borne with great courage, Rita (née Elfert), beloved wife of Jan. Details W. Uden & Sons Funeral Directors, 64 High Street, Sidcup, Kent. tel: (081) 300 2002.

SIDWELL On August 2nd 1991, Peacefully at home after a short illness, Dale Arnold aged 62. Dearly loved father of Ingrid, Paul, Kay, Jeremy and devoted friend to many. His vitality, courage and wisdom will be greatly missed by all. Funeral on friday August 9th at 2.00.pm. at Torquay Crematorium. Flowers if desired to Torbay and District Funeral Service, Wellswood House, 11 Babbacombe Road, Torquay.

SMITH-COX - On Saturday, August 3rd, 1991, C.B.E., T.D., J.P. Clifton, peacefully at home after a short illness, aged 80 years, beloved husband Majorie, father of Geoffrey and Peter and father-in-law to June and Sherry, grandfather to Jonathan and Jeremy, Daniel and Emma. Family funeral service at St Mary's Church, Walton St Mary, Clevedon, Thursday, August 8th at 11.30 am. Memorial service details to be announced. Family flowers only please but donations if preffered to Cancer Research may be sent c/o R.G. Rawlings Ltd Funeral directors, 5 Woodlands Rd, Clevedon, Avon. BS21, 7QD. Telephone 0272 873210.

WEST-TAYLOR - On August 1st, peacefully at home, John Percy West-Taylor O.B.E., D Univ. Beloved husband of Catherine and father of Venetia, Matthew and Toby. Founding Registrar, University of York. Funeral private. Memorial service October. No flowers, donations to Cancer Relief (Macmillan Fund) York or University of York General Endowment Fund.

WILSON - On August 3rd at home, John Morton, aged 76, formerly of Westminster School, husband of Margaret father of Juliet, James and Mary. Funeral at St. Michael's, Aldbourne, nr. Marlborough on Friday 9th August at 2. pm. No flowers but donations if desired to Marie Curie Memorial Foundation, Carfax Street, Swindon.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

WOLFE-BARRY - A memorial service in memory of Brigadier John Gerald Wolfe-Barry O.B.E., will be held at Christ Church, Emery Down, nr. Lyndhurst, Hants., on Wednesday August 14th at 11.30 am.

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HUMBER POWER LIMITED
NOTICE OF AN APPLICATION FOR CONSENT TO CONSTRUCT A COMBINED CYCLE GAS TURBINE POWER PLANT AT SOUTH HUMBER BANK

Notice is hereby given that Humber Power Limited ("the Company") has applied under section 36 of the Electricity Act 1989 ("the Act") for the consent of the Secretary of State for Energy to construct and operate a Combined Cycle Gas Turbine Power Plant at South Humber Bank, and for a direction under section 90(2) of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 that planning permission for this development be deemed to be granted.

The new station to be known as Humber Power Plant would have a capacity of approximately 1100 megawatts (MW) comprising of three modules, each of approximately 366 MW.

A copy of the application, with a plan showing the land to which it relates, together with a copy of the Environmental Statement discussing the Company's proposals for consultation and presenting an analysis of the environmental implications, are available for inspection during normal office hours at the following addresses: Humberside County Council, County Hall, Beverley, HU17 9UA. Cleethorpes Borough Council, Civic Offices, Knoll Street, Cleethorpes, South Humberside. Power Plant at South Humber Bank, and for a direction under section 90(2) of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 that planning permission for this development be deemed to be granted.

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LEGAL NOTICES

ANTHONY FAWCETT ASSOCIATES LIMITED
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 98 of The Insolvency Act 1986, that a Meeting of the creditors of the above-named Company will be held at the offices of LEONARD CURTIS & CO., situated at 30 Eastbourne Terrace, (2nd Floor), London, W2 6LF, on Wednesday, the 7th day of August, 1991 at 12.00 noon for the purposes provided for in Section 98 of sec.

A list of names and addresses of the above Company's Creditors can be inspected at the offices of Leonard Curtis & Co., 30 Eastbourne Terrace, London, W2 6LF, between the hours of 10.00 am and 4.00 pm on the two business days preceding the Meeting of Creditors.

Dated the 29th day of July 1991
ANTHONY FAWCETT
Director

APEX TRAVEL LIMITED
I, Maurice Raymond Dorrington FIPA of Poppleton and Appleby, 4 Charterhouse Square, London EC1M 6EN was appointed Liquidator of the above-named Company on 26th July 1991 by the Members and Creditors.
Dated 31 July 1991
Maurice Raymond Dorrington FIPA
Liquidator

IN THE MATTER OF THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
AND
ROUGH TRADE MUSIC LIMITED
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Creditors of the above-named Company, which is being voluntarily wound up, are required, on or before the 23rd day of September 1991, to send their full christian and surnames, their addresses and descriptions, full particulars of their debt or claims and the names and addresses of their Solicitors (if any), to the undersigned, Jamie Taylor, of Messrs. Taylor Gotham, Warren House, 10-20 Main Road, Hockley, Essex SS5 4RY, the Liquidator of the said Company, and, if so required by notice in writing from the said Liquidator, are personally to come in and prove their debts or claims at such time and place as shall be specified in such notice, or in default thereof they will be excluded from the benefit of any distribution made before such debts are proved.

Dated this 30th day of July 1991.
Jamie Taylor - Liquidator

M & T PIPEFITTERS AND WELDERS LIMITED
I, Maurice Raymond Dorrington FIPA of Poppleton and Appleby, 4 Charterhouse Square, London EC1M 6EN was appointed Liquidator of the above-named Company on 24th July 1991 by the Members and Creditors.
Dated 31 July 1991
Maurice Raymond Dorrington FIPA
Liquidator

LEGAL NOTICES

HOOD PUSZYK BARNES LIMITED
IN LIQUIDATION
NOTICE is hereby given that creditors of the above-named company must send details, in writing, of any claim against the company to the Liquidator, Nigel John Hamilton-Smith of Morton Thornton & Co at Terrington House, 47 Holywell Hill, St Albans, Hertfordshire AL1 1HD, by no later than Tuesday 3rd September 1991, which is the last day for proving claims. The Liquidator also gives notice that he will then make a final distribution to creditors, and any creditor who has not made a claim by the date mentioned will be excluded from the benefit of any such distribution.
DATED this 30th day of July 1991
N J HAMILTON-SMITH
LIQUIDATOR

INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
ASHTREE LEISURE DEVELOPMENT LIMITED
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 98 Insolvency Act 1986 that a Meeting of the Creditors of the above named Company will be held at the offices of TURPIN BARKER & ARMSTRONG, BRITTINGHAM HOUSE, TURNCHAPEL WHARF, CRAWLEY, WEST SUSSEX, RH11 7AE between the hours of 10am and 4pm on 9th August 1991 or 12th August 1991.
For the purposes of voting, a statement of claim and any proxy intended to be used at the meeting must be lodged at the company's registered office, c/o Turpin Barker & Armstrong, Brittingham House, Turnchapel Wharf, Crawley, West Sussex, RH11 7AE not later than noon on 12th August 1991.
DATED this 29th day of July 1991.
DAVID HODGE
Director

IN THE MATTER OF THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
DAG INGREDIENT SUPPLY CO. LIMITED
(IN ADMINISTRATIVE RECEIVERSHIP)
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 48(2) of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a MEETING of the UNSECURED CREDITORS of the above company will be held at Price Waterhouse, 10 Bricket Road, St Albans, Hertfordshire AL1 3JX on Wednesday 4 September 1991 at 10.00 am for the purpose of receiving a report covering the background to and the progress of the receivership together with other matters stipulated by Section 48 of the Insolvency Act 1986.
Please note that a person is entitled to vote at the meeting only if the provisions of Rule 3.11 (1) Insolvency Rules 1986 have been complied with, namely that: (a) he has given to the administrative receiver not later than 12.00 noon on the business day before the day fixed for the meeting, details in writing of the debt he claims to be due to him from the company, and the claim has been duly admitted under the provision of Rule 3.11(2) (7) and, (b) there has been lodged with the administrative receiver any proxy which the creditor intends to be used on his behalf.
A secured creditor is entitled to vote only in respect of the balance (if any) of his debts after deducting the value of his security as estimated by him. Creditors who are wholly secured are not entitled to be represented or to vote.
Dated this 30th day of July 1991
D M Ghosh FCA
Joint Administrative Receiver

IN THE MATTER OF PINPROPS LIMITED
AND
IN THE MATTER OF THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that I, John Charles Heath of Haines Watts Insolvency Services, 81 Gray's Inn Road, London WC1X 8PP was appointed Liquidator of the said Company on 30th July 1991 by the Members.
NOTICE IS ALSO HEREBY GIVEN that the Creditors of the above-named Company, which is being voluntarily wound up, are required, on or before the 30th day of August 1991, to send in their full forenames and surnames, their addresses and descriptions, full particulars of their debts or claims and the names and addresses of their solicitors (if any), to the undersigned John Charles Heath Haines Watts Insolvency Services 81 Gray's Inn Road London WC1X 8PP the Liquidator of the said Company, and, if so required by notice in writing from the said Liquidator, are personally to come in and prove their debts or claims at such time and place as shall be specified in such notice, or in default thereof they will be excluded from the benefit of any distribution made before such debts are proved.
Dated this 29th day of July 1991.
Jamie Taylor - Liquidator

LEGAL NOTICES

IN THE MATTER OF ROUGH TRADE MUSIC LIMITED
AND
IN THE MATTER OF The Insolvency Act 1986
This is to certify that a meeting of the Creditors of the Contributories of the above-named Company held on Monday 29th July 1991 Jamie Taylor of Messrs. Taylor Gotham, Warren House, 10/20 Main Road, Hockley, Essex SS5 4RY having provided written statements that he is qualified to act as an Insolvency Practitioner in relation to the above-named Company under the provisions of the Insolvency Act 1986, and that he consents so to act, was appointed liquidator of the Company.
Dated the 29th July 1991.
John Best
Chairman

JALTEX LIMITED
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 98 of The Insolvency Act. 1986, that a Meeting of the creditors of the above-named Company will be held at the offices of LEONARD CURTIS & CO., situated at 30 Eastbourne Terrace,, (2nd Floor), London, W2 6LF, between the hours of 10.00 am and 4.00 pm on the two business days preceding the Meeting of Creditors.
A list of names and addresses of the above Company's Creditors can be inspected at the offices of Leonard Curtis & Co., 30 Eastbourne Terrace,, (2nd Floor), London, W2 6LF, on Friday, the 9th day of August 1991 at 12.00 noon for the purposes provided for in Section 98 et sec.
A list of names and addresses of the above Company's Creditors can be inspected at the offices of Leonard Curtis & Co., 30 Eastbourne Terrace,, (2nd Floor), London, W2 6LF, between the hours of 10.00 am and 4.00 pm on the two business days preceding the Meeting of Creditors.
Dated this 31st day of July 1991
JOHN CATCHPOLE
Director

No. 007582 of 1991
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
CHANCERY DIVISION
IN THE MATTER OF MEDIAL UK LIMITED (FORMERLY ESTATE COMPANY UK)
AND
IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1985
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Petition was on the 31st day of July 1991 presented to Her Majesty's High Court of Justice for (i) the sanctioning of the Scheme of Arrangement and (ii) the confirmation of (a) the reduction of the capital of the above-named Company from £12,000,000 to £80,000, and (b) the cancellation of its Share Premium Account and Capital Redemption Reserve, both as at 5th July 1991.
AND NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the said Petition is directed to be heard before the Honourable Mr Justice Ferris at the Royal Courts of Justice, Strand, London WC2A 2LL, on Wednesday the 14th day of August 1991.
ANY Creditor or Shareholder of the said Company desiring to oppose the making of an Order for the confirmation of the said reduction of capital, or cancellation of the Share Premium Account or of the Capital Redemption Reserve should appear at the time of hearing in person or by Counsel for that purpose
A copy of the said Petition will be furnished to any person requiring the same by the undermentioned Solicitors on payment of the regulated charge for the same.
DATED this 5th day of August 1991.
Ashurst Morris Crisp
of Broadwalk House,
5 Appold Street,
London EC2A 2HA
Solicitors for the above-mentioned Company

No. 006339 of 1991
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
CHANCERY DIVISION
IN THE MATTER OF TUBULAR EDGINGTON GROUP PLC
AND
IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1985
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Order of the High Court of Justice, Chancery Division, dated 15th July 1991 confirming the reduction of the Capital of the above named Company from £17,500,000 to £14,624,688.40 and the cancellation of the amount of £2,378,768 standing to the credit of the Share Premium Account of the above named Company and the Minute approved by the Court showing with respect to the Capital of the Company as altered the several particulars required by the above mentioned Act were registered by the Registrar of Companies on 23rd July 1991.
Dated this 1st day of August 1991
Fiers
179 Great Portland Street
London W1N 5FD
Solicitors
for the above named Company.

No. 006590 of 1991
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
CHANCERY DIVISION
IN THE MATTER OF MEDIAL UK LIMITED
AND
IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1985
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Order of the High Court of Justice, Chancery Division, dated 15th July 1991 confirming the reduction of the capital of the above-named Company from £20,000,000 to £11,000,000 and the Minute approved by the Court showing with respect to the Capital of the Company as altered the several particulars required by the above mentioned Act were registered by the Registrar of Companies on 22nd July 1991.
DATED this 1st day of August 1991.
White Sapte
of Queensbridge House,
60 Upper Thames Street,
London, EC4V 3BD
Tel: 071-236-3060
Ref: SAW/L200018Adv
Solicitors
for the above named Company

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE OF MEETING OF CREDITORS
THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
BRADFORD INVESTMENTS PLC
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a Meeting of the Creditors of the above-named Company will be held at The Saltroom, The Langham Hilton, 1/6 Portland Place, London, W1N 5AA on 7 August 1991 at 11.00 am for the purposes mentioned in Sections 99 to 101 of the said Act.
A list of the names and addresses of the Company's creditors will be available for inspection free of charge at No 1 Riding House Street, London, W1A 3AS, between 10.00 am and 4.00 pm on 5 August 1991 and 6 August 1991.
Creditors wishing to vote at the Me

NEW RELEASES

AFTER DARK, MY SWEET (18): Tormented drifter (Jason Patric) wanders into a kidnapping plot. Atmospheric thriller (from a Jim Thompson novel) which survives its flaws; director, James Foley.
Camden Plaza (071-485 2443) Cannon Tottenham Court Road (071-636 6148).

♦ **BACKDRAFT (15):** Overblown fire-fighting epic with awesome flames but paltry characters. Starring Kurt Russell, William Baldwin, Robert De Niro; director, Ron Howard.
Cannons: Baker Street (071-935 9772) Fulham Road (071-370 2636) Empire (071-437 9999) Notting Hill Coronet (071-727 6705) Screen on the Green (071-226 3520) Whiteleys (071-792 3324).

EVERYBODY'S FINE (12): Aged Sicilian (Marcello Mastroianni) seeks out his five children in Italy. Uneven, bittersweet drama from *Cinema Paradiso* director Giuseppe Tornatore.
Curzon Mayfair (071-465 8865).

THE LADY FROM THE SHANGHAI CINEMA (15): Frozen exercise in the film noir style from Brazilian director Guilherme de Almeida Prado.
Metro (071-437 0757).

♦ **LISTEN UP: THE LIVES OF QUINCY JONES (12):** Chaotic, fragmentary portrait of the multi-talented musician, with insights thinly scattered through the hubbub. Director, Ellen Weissbrod.
Cannons: Chelsea (071-352 5096) Tottenham Court Road (071-636 6148).

PRAYER OF THE ROLLERBOYS (15): Silly futuristic gang movie for rollerskating teenagers. With Corey Haim, Patricia Arquette. Director, Rick King
Cannons: Oxford Street (071-636 0310) Panton Street (071-930 0631).

♦ **ROCK-A-DOODLE (U):** Elvis-voiced rooster finds success and trouble as a rock 'n' roll star. Inventive but frantic cartoon. director, Don Bluth.
Odeons: Kensington (0426 914666) Mezzanine (071-930 6111) Swiss Cottage (071-722 5905) Whiteleys (071-792 3324).

♦ **THE ROCKETEER (PG):** Hollywood Nazi agents covet miniaturised rocket. Endearing family romp with amusing period detail. Starring Bill Campbell, Jennifer Connelly, Timothy Dalton. Director, Joe Johnston.
Camden Parkway (071-267 7034) Cannons: Chelsea (071-352 5096) Haymarket (071-839 1527) Tottenham Court Road (071-636 6148) Odeons: Kensington (0426 914666) Marble Arch (071-723 2011) Swiss Cottage (071-722 5905) Whiteleys (071-792 3334) Warner (071-439 0791).

CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ♦) on release across the country.

CURRENT

ALICE (12): Woody Allen's comic fantasy about a Manhattan wife in crisis. Loose and flimsy, but with a marvellous Mia Farrow performance.
Odeon Haymarket (071-839 7697).

ANDREI RUBLEV (12): Tarkovsky's stunning fresco, completed in 1966, of an icon painter's life in medieval Russia.
Renoir (071-837 8402).

♦ **CINDERELLA (U):** Revival of Disney's 1950 cartoon: skilful animation, attractive music, a good sense of character.
Cannons: Chelsea (071-352 5096) Oxford Street (071-636 0310) Odeons: Kensington (0426 914666) Warner (071-439 0791) Whiteleys (071-792 3324).

♦ **EDWARD SCISSORHANDS (PG):** Tim Burton's captivating fantasy about a boy with scissors for hands at large in American suburbia. With Johnny Depp, Dianne Wiest, Winona Ryder.
Cannon Chelsea (071-352 5096) Odeons: Leicester Square (071-930 6111) Swiss Cottage (071-586 3057) Kensington (071-602 6644) Screen on Baker Street (071-935 2772) Whiteleys (071-792 3303).

HENRY: PORTRAIT OF A SERIAL KILLER (18): Devastating, fly-on-the-wall study of human depravity in Chicago. Director, John McNaughton.
Cannon Panton Street (071-930 0631) Metro (071-437 0757).

♦ **HUDSON HAWK (15):** Cat-burglar Bruce Willis gets drawn into a plan to conquer the world. Profligate, dismal action-comedy with a low IQ. Director, Michael Lehmann.
Cannon Panton Street (071-930 0631) Odeon Kensington (0426 914666) Whiteleys (071-792 3324).

♦ **IN BED WITH MADONNA (18):** Exhilarating, eye-opening portrait, shot during her 1990 world tour. Director, Alek Keshishian.
Cannons: Chelsea (071-352 5096) Haymarket (071-839 1527) Odeons: Kensington (0426 914666) Mezzanine (071-930 6111) Plaza (071-497 9999) Whiteleys (071-792 3324) Warner (071-439 0791).

♦ **THELMA & LOUISE (15):** Distaff road movie with Geena Davis and Susan Sarandon fleeing through the American South-West. Bracing adventure from director Ridley Scott.
Cannons: Fulham Road (071-370 2636) Oxford Street (071-636 0310) Shaftesbury Avenue (071-836 8861) Plaza (071-497 9999) Screen on Baker Street (071-935 2772) Whiteleys (071-792 3324).

♦ **THE NAKED GUN 2½ — THE SMELL OF FEAR (12):** Leslie Nielsen returns as accident-prone Lt Frank Drebin. Riotous dead-pan comedy. With Priscilla Presley; director, David Zucker.
Cannons: Baker Street (071-935 9772) Fulham Road (071-370 2636) Empire (071-497 9999) Whiteleys (071-792 3324).

♦ **ROBIN HOOD, PRINCE OF THIEVES (PG):** Splashy epic by Kevin Reynolds with no coherent style, a scene-stealing Sheriff of Nottingham (Alan Rickman), and a miscast star (Kevin Costner).
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♦ **THE SILENCE OF THE LAMBS (16):** Jodie Foster's FBI trainee confronts Anthony Hopkins, evil incarnate. Intense, highly polished, and repellent thriller from Jonathan Demme.
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TODAY'S EVENTS

BBC PROMS: In the first Prom this season wholly devoted to Mozart, Roger Norrington and his London Classical Players perform the "Prague" Symphony and the Requiem. Soprano Nancy Argenta and tenor John Mark Ainsley are among the soloists.
Albert Hall, Kensington Gore, London SW7 (071-823 9998). 7.30pm.

BALLROOM BLITZ: The South Bank repeats this festival of contemporary dance this year, taking place in the Festival Hall foyers daily until August 18 and free to the general public. Today, Lea Anderson's all-male dance group, *The Featherstonehaughs*, will perform *The Big Feature*, successfully premiered last season.
Festival Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (071-928 8800). 6pm.

ENGLISH NATIONAL BALLET: *Swansong*, Christopher Bruce's powerful one-act ballet, is one of the ENB's strongest works from the current repertoire. It enters the London season on a triple-bill with *Les Sylphides* and *Schéhérazade*, and is performed until Wednesday.
Festival Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (071-928 8800). 7.30pm.

BIRMINGHAM ROYAL BALLET: Sir Frederick Ashton's classic bucolic comedy of innocent love, *La Fille mal gardée*, offers an excellent opportunity to view the company's fine acting ability. Miyako Yoshida and Michael O'Hare take the leads tonight, in the last performance in the London season (see review, right).
Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, London WC2 (071-240 1066/1911). 7.30pm.

ANDY SHEPPARD: The virtuoso saxophonist begins a week-long residency, playing alongside trumpeter Claude Deppa, keyboard player Steve Lodder, electric bass player Sylvan Richardson and drummer Dave Adams. Bluesy singer Ian Shaw heads a support band.
Ronnie Scott's, 47 Frith Street, London W1 (071-439 0747). 9pm, until Saturday.

CECIL TAYLOR AND THE FEEL TRIO: A rare appearance by the distinguished American pianist whose style of free improvisation is uncompromising and not to all tastes. British drummer Tony Oxley and American bass player William Parker complete the trio. First of three performances.
Jazz Café, 15a Parkway, London NW1 (071-284 4358). 8.30pm.

UNCLE VANYA: Last stop for Renaissance Theatre Company's production of Chekhov which is due to open at the Lyric Theatre, Hammersmith, next week. The production stars Richard Briers and Peter Egan in the leading roles, and is co-directed by Kenneth Branagh and Egan.
Theatre Royal, Bath (0225 448844). 7.30pm.

BUXTON INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL: Mezzo-soprano Sarah Walker gives a recital of songs by Mozart, Fauré and Schubert, accompanied by pianist Malcolm Martineau.
Opera House, Water Street, Buxton, Derbyshire (0298 72190). 7.45pm.

THE PURSUIT OF PERFECTION: A leading society portrait photographer during the Twenties and Thirties, Dorothy Wilding had the rare gift of persuading her subjects to relax and look natural. This first large-scale retrospective brings together her most memorable portraits.
National Portrait Gallery, St Martin's Place, London WC2 (071-306 0055). Mon-Fri, 10am-5pm, Sat, 10am-6pm, Sun 2-6pm, closes September 29.

BRITISH MUSEUM COLLECTIONS: Two new permanent galleries, comprising collections from early Mesopotamia, Egypt and Nubia. The Mesopotamia collection ranges from about 3500 BC, with early written records on tablets of clay, to 1600 BC and the rise of Babylon. The second collection traces the development of Nubian cultures over the past 6,000 years.
British Museum, Great Russell Street, London WC1 (071-636 1555). Mon-Sat, 10am-5pm, Sun, 2.30-6pm.

A composer's critical gaze

OPERA

Il sogno di Scipione/ The Impresario
Buxton Festival

ALAS, no better news out of Buxton. Mozart can be honoured well enough with little money, but not with the shortfall in artistic discernment that is beginning to threaten the very life-blood of this once imaginative and distinctive festival.

The grand climax of the festival's celebrations occurs when, in Mozart's early "azione teatrale" *Il sogno di Scipione*, the original ending — a paean of praise to the new Prince-Archbishop of Salzburg — is turned inside out to become a salute to Mozart himself. The later, more mature version of this Epilogue, or *licenza*, is used with reason, and Edith Pritchard sings it creditably enough. But with the overall standard of Mozart performance at this festival disappointingly and worryingly low, the tribute is somewhat hollow. The great final backdrop — a face as familiar as the Mona Lisa this year — looks on bemused as the curtain falls.

Again, the central character, Scipio himself, is weakly cast. Oghnyan Nicolov is a very young Bulgarian, raw and dark of vowels, with some exciting velocity in his larynx, but with neither the top register nor the experience to cope with the brilliance and the full-scale *da capo* arias Mozart wrote for his Salzburg audience.

Anne Dawson and Mary Hegarty manage much better, and so they should, as the goddesses Fortuna and Costanza who compete for Scipio's loyalty in his beleaguered dream. Dawson, in particular, weaves sensuality convincingly into her coloratura.

Malcolm Fraser, directing, makes the dream a nightmare of pre-Freudian alter ego and family hauntings. Poor Scipio's gallery of advisory heroes is an Edwardian family portrait sprung to life: they even manage a Mary Poppins-type dance number during Publius's second aria. Publius by the way is, in Cicero, Mozart and Fraser, Scipio's adoptive father, and Fraser has awarded him the Order of the Garter. Emilio, who is next to step out of the portrait, is Scipio's real father and, here, a real ancient Roman. They are sung, respectively and with considerable difficulty, by Philip Salmon and Lynton Atkinson.

This is also Mozart the ballet. In order to provide still more *azione* and more of the *teatrale* in a work which, in all honesty, has neither, Fraser uses three dancers to mime and shadow the tugging triangle of Fortuna, Costanza and Scipio. They move well and the entire production, designed by Lez Brotherston, is visually pleasing. But its physical invention outweighs its musical substance, and therefore merely emphasises its paucity.

James Lockhart, who keeps Mozart's little directory of contemporary musical taste in lively order, conducts the other half of this double bill rather more meekly. And well he might. *The Impresario*, a true, if insubstantial, little comedy mocking the self-aggrandising foibles of actors and singers, is nearly always re-written verbally in modern performance. This version, by John Kane (who speaks and, alas, also attempts to sing the non-cast tenor part) is again turned round to involve Mozart himself, and even the score of *Scipione*.

But the gags rely too much on old Mozartian chestnuts (Salieri poisons the Mozart-Kügeln), one of the three singers is omitted entirely ("the tenor, Herr Vogelsang"), and the two sparring *prime* (or *seconde*) *donne*, Eileen Hulse and Sandra Dugdale come dangerously close to acting out their own caricatures. Perhaps Salieri should have turned up after all.

HILARY FINCH



Final notes: Edith Pritchard sings the Epilogue of Il sogno di Scipione

OPERA

La muette de Portici
Ravenna Festival, Italy

AS FESTIVAL themes go, "Cherubini and the French School" is a broad one, and the Ravenna Festival has exploited it with a rich programme ranging from Cherubini himself via Berlioz and Debussy to Boulez, with interpreters ranging from Muti via Maazel and Mehta to Boulez himself. The operatic novelty was Auber's *La muette de Portici*, which is famous for inaugurating the era of French grand opera and for inciting the Belgians to revolt against the Dutch, but is hardly ever performed.

La muette is a five-act spectacular based on the Neapolitan uprising of 1647, requiring acres of local colour, massed scenes of armed insurrection and the eruption of Vesuvius, so it is not hard to see why theatre administrators are put off. However, among the profusion of incidental numbers there is much music that deserves to be performed: poignant and gently lyrical in the private scenes, yet effective and rousing in the public ones.

Using a minimum of props against the backdrop of the ancient walls of the Rocca Brancaleone, director Micha van Hoecke resolved the spectacularity problem by the continual deployment of his ballet company to provide the scenic effects. While this sounds as if it might quickly become tiresome, his dancers command such a diversity of styles that the idea worked. Dancers, of course, also scale ramparts more effectively than choristers. Van Hoecke even succeeded in choreographing the erupting volcano with violent impact, bodies hurtling down the precipice.

Outstanding members of a good cast were Tiziana Fabbricini's Princess Elvire, dignified and moving when she has to plead for her life, and William Shimell's rebel leader Pietro, pursuing revenge on his oppressors with implacable zeal and ferocity. But the work's true protagonist is the poor dumb girl of the title around whose tragic fate the events revolve: the ballerina Marzia Falcon fused acting, dancing and mime into an unforgettable whole.

NIGEL JAMIESON

La Fille mal gardée
Covent Garden

WITH new dancers having joined or come to prominence over the past couple of years, Birmingham Royal Ballet is inevitably showing many debuts in the revival of *La Fille mal gardée* during its short London season. Among a whole series of them at two performances on Saturday, perhaps the most interesting was that of Yi-Lei Cai, a young dancer from China, at the matinee in the part of Alain, Lise's unsuccessful suitor.

Small and neat in appearance, he dances with elegant clarity and a sense of fun, pursuing the character's silly enthusiasms with cheerful eagerness. The feeling emerges that if only he were not soft in the head, this Alain would be a thoroughly attractive chap.

Edwin Mota in the same role in the evening showed the makings of an engaging performance if only he could develop the comedy; at present he is too solemn much of the time. That performance also brought Joseph Cipolla's house debut as Colas, partnering Ravenna Tucker's cheerfully resourceful Lise; those roles had been taken in the afternoon by two more newcomers, Kevin O'Hare and Dorcas Walters.

All gave attractive accounts of their characters. Walters brings vivacity, speed, lightness and neat footwork to her role; Tucker's strength lies in her unforced charm and the thoughtful individuality of her acting. Their respective admirers both showed a manly romanticism. O'Hare's elegance and classical line are at their best in the betrothal duet at the end; Cipolla's high spirits made much of the early flirtation scene when Lise and Colas play at being horse and driver.

A dancer who has greatly developed his more familiar performance in this ballet is David Morse. His playing as Widow Simone now has new warmth and graciousness behind its humour.

Some silly changes have crept into the production. The widow's neckerchief in the last scene is no longer identical with that given by Colas to Lise, smudging an important production detail. The phrasing of Colas's solos seems to have become somewhat disjointed and less fluent. There is a tendency also to overemphasise some touches of mime which have crept in. On the other hand, Birmingham gets the timing right for the men's *tours en l'air*, which long ago got out of synch in the resident London company's production. It might be worth both companies examining the original notations.

JOHN PERCIVAL

Nana Vasconcelos
Purcell Room

AN EVENING of solo percussion in the concrete cube that is the Purcell Room: it is hard to think of a more unpromising combination. Thank goodness Nana Vasconcelos's show, *Heart/Beat*, a journey through the musical landscape of Brazil, overcomes the limitations.

In the 20 years since he made his first tour of Europe, Vasconcelos has flitted back and forth between jazz, traditional music and occasional assignments with rock musicians, Jan Garbarek, Don Cherry and Paul Simon have all called on his services. While many percussionists rely on increasingly predictable explosive effects, Vasconcelos weaves a more subtle spell. Instead of a clattering street carnival, he evokes the twilight sounds of the forest and jungle.

At the South Bank — where he is in residence until Saturday — he walked on to the stage while strumming a berimbau, a bow-like instrument attached to a gourd. As he began chanting, he was able to form his own choir of voices through the use of an electronic echo. Sensuous and hypnotic, the successive layers of percussion — including wood blocks and clay jug — formed miniature tone poems. With the show divided into two 35-minute segments, there was no space for self-indulgence.

This was more than a formal recital; the public was expected to join in as well. Dividing the auditorium into sections, Vasconcelos cheerfully directed the audience in a succession of chants and a clapping sequence inspired by the rhythms of rain falling on undergrowth. None of this seemed worthy or contrived: Vasconcelos was merely reminding us of the communal roots of his music.

The South Bank, of course, belongs to a different tradition altogether, one in which artists and audiences are kept firmly in their place. A concert of this sort really requires a more congenial venue. The drums would make all the more impact amid the greenery of a public park. Vasconcelos made the best of things, assisted by John Cumming's atmospheric lighting design. One way of enhancing the visual spectacle would be to make more use of the projection screen at the rear of the stage. A set of children's drawings was shown in the second half of the show, but otherwise the screen was under-employed. The presentation will evolve, I am told, during the rest of the week. The show will go on tour next year.

CLIVE DAVIS
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WORD-WATCHING

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AUMBRY
(b) A recess or cupboard to hold sacred vessels for Mass or Communion, from the Latin *ansarium*: "Three or four aumbries in the wall pertaining to the said altars."

TRUMEAU
(c) A stone pillar or mullion supporting the tympanum of a wide doorway, from the French for the calf of the leg: "The only other Romanesque church with two portals, which originally included trumeaux, is St Lazare at Autun."

FRATER
(c) A refectory or dining room, from the OF *fraitur* short for Latin *refectorium*: "At Westminster only the frater and the chapel of the infirmary have been formally dismantled."

MUTULE
(c) A square block carved on the soffit of the corona in the Doric order immediately over each triglyph, from the Latin *mutulus* modillion: "The mutules in the Doric answer to the triglyphs, which are under them."

WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene, Chess Correspondent

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BBC 1

6.00 Ceefax
6.30 BBC Breakfast News
9.05 Around the Word with Willy Fog. Animated adventures (r) **9.35 Why Don't You . . ?** Activity ideas for children who are at a loose end (r)
10.00 News, regional news and weather **10.05 Playdays** (r) **10.25 Muppet Babies.** Animated version of the puppet show (r)
11.00 News, regional news and weather **11.05 Our House: Trouble in Paradise.** The concluding part of a children's drama from the US. Molly and David are stranded on a deserted Hawaiian island **11.55 The Travel Show Traveller.** What to do and what to see in the Bath area (r)
12.00 News, regional news and weather **12.05 The Garden Party.** Magazine series from Glasgow's Botanic Gardens. Crufts chairman Mike Stockman and mongrel expert Angela Patmore compare the merits of their favoured four-legged friends. Meanwhile, Glynn Christian prepares a Spanish-style buffet lunch with tapas and sherry and Level 42 perform their new single. Presented by Paul Coia, Debbie Greenwood and Dennis Tuohy **12.55 Regional News** and Weather
1.00 One O'Clock News and weather **1.30 Neighbours.** (Ceefax)
1.50 Ornamental Kitchen Garden. Geoff Hamilton shows how to plant a parterre (r). (Ceefax) **2.20 Starsky and Hutch.** Paul Michael Glaser and David Soul are the flares-wearing crime fighters battling against Seventies fashion. This week they get some information about the murder of a policeman. (r)
3.05 Head of the Class. Aristotle is concerned that his next photography job is for the Mafia **3.30 Now Get Out of That.** Adventure challenge series with teams from Oxford and Cambridge having to overcome knotty problems during an outdoors weekend. Today they set up camp using a parachute canopy and emergency supplies (r)
4.00 Betty Boop Double Bill. Cartoons **4.10 Rupert.** Timeless teddy-bear tales for children, narrated by Ray Brooks (r) **4.15 New Lassie.** Animated adventures of the canny canine (Ceefax) **4.35 Defenders of the Earth** (r)
5.00 Newsround 5.10 The Lowdown: Mirror Mirror . . . Four teenage fashion models explain their incredible will to succeed in the cut-throat business of beauty (r). (Ceefax)
5.35 Neighbours (r). (Ceefax) Northern Ireland: Sportswide 5.40 Inside Ulster
6.00 Six O'Clock News with Peter Sissons and Moira Stuart. Weather
6.30 Regional News Magazines. Northern Ireland: Neighbours



The honourable lady: Cynthia Payne, would-be MP (7.00pm)

7.00 Wogan. The guests include Cynthia Payne, the celebrated former brothel keeper, who explains her decision to stand for Parliament at the next general election. Music is provided by the American chart-topper Marc Cohn
7.30 Them and Us. Craig Charles confronts the bureaucratic gremlins who conspire to ruin our day-to-day lives. This week he visits the Lake District to find out what is being done to prevent environmentally damaging tourism. (Ceefax)
8.00 Dear John. Gentle comedy about a newly divorced man, shown as a tribute to its star, the late Ralph Bates (r). (Ceefax)
8.30 Brush Strokes. Lame sitcom about a painter's unsatisfying brushes with romance. Jacko (Karl Howman) is determined to get rid of his fiancée (r). (Ceefax)
9.00 Nine O'Clock News with Martyn Lewis. (Ceefax) Regional News and weather
9.30 Panorama: Kuwait — The Victims of Victory. In the first of three programmes on the Gulf war and its aftermath, Jane Corbin reports on post-liberation Kuwait
10.10 Law and Order: Torrents of Greed. The first of a two-part story in the crusading cops and lawyers series from America. An ambitious assistant DA takes advantage of the opportunity to crack a Mafia crime gang
11.00 Operation Raleigh: Spring in Fiordland. A deserved repeat showing for the London Film School's natural history short which charts the development of spring in Fiordland in New Zealand — one of the bleakest mountain areas of the world (r). (Ceefax)
11.30 Who Cares Now? Only Communicate. Dr Jonathan Miller questions a group of GPs about the wait for medical treatment faced by many elderly people (r). (Ceefax)
12.00 Weather. Wales: News headlines and weather

BBC 2

8.00 News
8.15 Designs on Europe. A profile of the Norwegian architect Anne Henriksen (r) **8.55 A Day in the Life** of mechanical engineer Dr Ann Dowling, a lecturer at Cambridge university
9.00 Catchword. Word-based game show hosted by Paul Coia (r)
9.30 Film: The World of Abbott and Costello (1965, b/w). A compilation of comic highlights, a treat for Bud and Lou fans but hard going for anyone else
10.45 Holiday Outings to a Darlington hotel that caters especially for pets and their owners (r)
10.50 City of the Dead. Professor Colin Renfrew and the *Chronicle* team investigate the site of the ancient city of Mohenjo-Daro, Pakistan, which flourished nearly 5,000 years ago (r)
11.40 British Motorcycle Grand Prix. Highlights from Donington (r)
12.30 Running Wild. A look at a new alternative to prison, in America some juvenile offenders are being offered the opportunity to swap custodial sentences for the Wild West (r)
1.20 Charlie Chalk. Animation (r) **1.35 The Way That I Went.** Tom McDevitte travels through the rolling hillsides of Tyrone (r)
2.00 News and weather followed by **Titchmarsh's Travels.** Alan Titchmarsh takes the traditional pilgrim's way to Walsingham (r). (Ceefax)
2.35 Look Again at Garden Birds. An RSPB film in which Eric Thompson encourages budding ornithologists
3.00 News and weather followed by **The Dinka Bride.** Documentary about a Western-educated Sudanese man who returns home to collect the unseen bride his family has chosen for him (r) **3.50 News,** regional news and weather
4.00 Byways. A visit to Great Yarmouth, England's third most popular resort (r)
4.30 How Euro Are You? First of a three-part series on how business is shaping up for 1992 (r)
5.00 Holiday Outings. Anne Gregg goes on safari in Zambia, visits the Victoria Falls in Zimbabwe and stays at a luxury beach hotel in Mauritius (r)
5.15 Wild World. A look at Watten, a German coastal wilderness that is a favourite stopping-off point for millions of migrating birds (r)
6.00 Film: Wake of the Red Witch (1949, b/w). Forgettable South Seas adventure starring John Wayne as a captain who deliberately scuttles his ship. But he settles his differences with the vessel's owner (Luther Adler) in an attempt to salvage a fortune in gold. Directed by Edward Ludwig
7.45 Cine Memo: War, 1939-1942. Amateur film makers from Britain, France and Germany with records of how ordinary life was interrupted by the horrors of the second world war. (Ceefax)



Refugees from suburbia: Ted and Sarah Hotchkiss (8.30pm)

8.30 Different Drummer: Ted and Sarah
● CHOICE: This consistently watchable series about unusual Americans continues with a portrait of a couple who renounced their comfortable middle-class backgrounds to live rough on food stamps. Home is a do-it-yourself shack in the middle of nowhere with a dirt floor and no electricity. Sarah left her second husband because he wanted security and she wanted fun. To make a point she moved her children out of the cosy "prison" of suburbia and into a tough black neighbourhood. Then she met Ted, a kindred spirit who had worked for the CIA in Iran and become disillusioned with American support for the Shah. Approaching their sixties, Ted and Sarah are happy up to a point, glad to be away from the "busy, busy noise of the world". Their one luxury is a good meal, even if it sometimes has to be cooked and eaten in semi-darkness
9.00 Film: Act of Vengeance (1986). A powerful drama based on the true story of Jock Yablonski (Charles Bronson), a tough and honest official in the corrupt United Mineworkers Union. Enraged by the misuse of funds and disregard for safety regulations on the part of the union president (Wilford Brimley), Yablonski challenges his rule despite the threat of mob revenge. Directed by John MacKenzie of *The Long Good Friday*
10.30 Newsnight
11.15 XS. Last programme of the current series features the innovative dance work of American choreographer Bebe Miller. Plus Glasgow writer Iain Heggie talking about sex, and hidden treasures unearthed in the Kelvingrove Museum. Presented by Richard Jobson **11.55 Weather**
12.00 Open University: Other Virtuosos. Ends at **12.30am**

ITV

6.00 TV-am
9.25 Inspector Gadget. Cartoon (r) **9.50 Thames News**
9.55 Nonni. Final episode of the children's adventure set in Iceland at the end of the 19th century (r) **10.50 News** headlines **10.55 Adventures on Kythera.** Children's adventure series set on a Greek island **11.25 Ox Tales**
11.55 Regional News and weather **12.00 Cartoon** featuring Mickey Mouse **12.10 Rosie and Jim** (r)
12.30 News and weather **1.10 Thames News** and weather
1.20 Home and Away. (Oracle) **1.50 A Country Practice**
2.20 Thames Help. Jackie Spreckley looks at our daily consumption of paper and what we can do to cut down on how much we use **2.50 The Green Life Guide.** Magazine series investigating environmental issues. With Alistair McDonald and Dilly Barlow
3.15 News headlines **3.20 Thames News 3.25 Families.** Soap linking the north of England with Australia
3.55 Fraggle Rock 4.10 Cartoon 4.20 T-Bag and the Revenge of the T-Set (r) **4.45 The Fantastic Adventures of Mr Rossi** (r)
5.10 Blockbusters. General knowledge quiz for teenagers
5.40 News and weather
5.55 Thames Help. Jackie Spreckley examines benefits and services for people with disabilities
6.00 Home and Away (r). (Oracle)
6.30 Thames News and weather
7.00 Plaza Patrol. Feeble sitcom starring Cannon and Ball as two night security men working in a shopping plaza
7.30 Coronation Street. (Oracle)
8.00 Just For Laughs. A compilation of clips from British comedy films
8.30 Athletics — Malmo International. Athletes from around the world sharpen up their skills in preparation for the world championships later in the year. Britain's Kriss Akabusi, Tom McKean and Roger Black should all be in action. Introduced by Jim Rosenthal, with commentary by Alan Parry and Peter Matthews



A child misplaced: Hilton McRae and Julia Watson (9.00pm)

9.00 Film: To Each His Own (1988)
● CHOICE: A feature-length drama from HTV, also responsible for the excellent *Great Expectations*, follows the story of a couple (Julia Watson and Hilton McRae) who discover that their son is not their own. He was accidentally swapped by the hospital for another baby immediately after the birth. Once the mistake comes to light, the issue is how to undo it while satisfying all the parties, not least the unfortunate children who are now 12 years old. Rosemary Mason's screenplay goes for width rather than depth, pulling out other skeletons from the cupboard and making much of the class differences between the Watson character with her snobbish parents and the other mother, a single parent who runs a café. Directed by the experienced Moira Armstrong, *To Each His Own* is based on a real case though it has more of the polish of a Hollywood miniseries than the raw edge of documentary. (Oracle) (Continues after the news)
10.00 News at Ten. (Oracle) Weather **10.30 Thames News** and weather
10.40 Film: To Each His Own. Tonight's film continued and concluded. (Oracle)
11.40 Not Waving But Drowning. Potent drama documentary recreating the true story of a young family's struggle against multiple debts. The family are played by actors but everyone else, from the bank manager to the doctor, is a professional portraying their own job (r)
12.40am Sportsworld Extra. Tony Francis introduces highlights from the Scandinavian Masters golf tournament
1.40 Film: This Man's Navy (1945, b/w). Moderate second world war flagwaver starring Wallace Beery as a naval petty office who boasts so much about his non-existent son that he feels compelled to "adopt" a rookie sailor (Tom Drake). Directed by William Wellman
3.30 The Twilight Zone: Welcome to Winfield. Another tale of the supernatural (r)
4.10 Film: Blondie on a Budget (1940, b/w). Another in the series of comedies based on the Chic Young strip cartoon about the Bumstead family. Blondie (Penny Singleton) has to balance her household budget, but she also wants to buy a fur coat. With Arthur Lake as Dagwood and a guest appearance from Rita Hayworth. Directed by Frank R. Strayer
5.30 ITN Morning News. Ends at **6.00**

CHANNEL 4

6.00 The Channel Four Daily
9.25 Film: School For Vandals (1986). Likeable comedy about two children who, in an attempt to solve their parents' financial problems, kidnap a teacher and hold her to ransom. The adult cast includes Anne Dyson, Tony McHale and Peter Bayliss in a film made by the Children's Film Unit. Directed by Colin Finbow
11.00 Computer Graphics. A look at the visual effects possible through the medium of the graphic computer (r)
12.00 Flowering Passions: West Side Glory. Anna Pavord breathes in the scent of magnolias and camelias at Caerhays in Cornwall and rhododendrons in Glenarn and Craerae in Scotland (r)
12.30 Business Daily
1.00 Sesame Street. Entertaining early learning series (r)
2.00 Film: Chu Chin Chow (1934, b/w). Spirited film version of the stage musical which ran in London for 2,238 performances. Starring the music-hall comedian George Robey as Ali Baba, with Fritz Kortner and Anna May Wong. Directed by Walter Forde
3.55 Rhapsody in Blue Jeans. Animated look at denim appeal by the Hungarian Jozsef Nepp (r)
4.00 Get Smart. Sixties spoof spy series. Maxwell Smart (Don Adams) goes on the trail of a KAOS agent who is carrying a revolutionary tranquilliser bomb
4.30 Countdown. Words and numbers game hosted by Richard Whiteley. *Emmerdale* star Frazer Hines mans the Dictionary Corner
5.00 On the Other Hand: Education. Discussion programme that deals with issues which are particularly relevant to the Asian community. Shekhar Kapur asks a group of schoolchildren, parents and educationists what they mean by a "decent" education (r)
6.00 The Wonder Years. Fred Savage is the wistful adolescent growing up nostalgically in Sixties America (r)
6.30 The Henderson Kids. Australian drama series which launched Kylie Minogue on the road to fame (r)
7.00 Channel Four News with Jon Snow. (Teletext) Weather **7.50 Comment**
8.00 Brookside. Suburban Merseyside soap. (Teletext)
8.30 My Two Dads. Witless American sitcom about a motherless girl with two fathers



The way it was: enthusiastic historian Michael Wood (9.00pm)

9.00 Travellers' Tales: The Sacred Way
● CHOICE: Were it not for the historic and mythical associations, the Sacred Way, which runs 14 miles from the edge of Athens to Eleusis, would hardly be worth a television programme. Even the enthusiastic Michael Wood is sometimes stumped by the dreary landscape of urban sprawl, non-stop traffic and fast food shops which do not even sell Greek coffee. But Wood is concerned with what was, not what is. Some 4,000 years ago the Sacred Way was the route followed by pilgrims on their way to celebrate the mysteries of Demeter. Wood reminds us that Demeter was the earth mother, who taught the secrets of agriculture to the human race and guaranteed the fertility of the earth. There is not much agriculture left along the Sacred Way, though among the clutter of petrol stations and the industrial estates Wood does manage to find a lone woman farmer determined to hold out
10.00 E.N.G: Souls of Our Heroes. Canadian drama series following the lives of the tough news team from Channel 10, an independent television station in downtown Toronto. An interview with a Chinese businessman about the Tiananmen Square massacre causes emotional upset. (Teletext)
11.00 Down Under: Palisade. A man moves slowly while rubbish is collected at an alarming rate in this unusual exploration of pace, starring Warrent Stewart, Scott Brooks and Karen Brown
11.20 Down Under: Salt, Saliva, Sperm and Sweat. Philip Brophy's controversial study of the role of liquids in our lives
12.10am The Rational Life Films 1-5. Quintet of short films by Debbie Lee, a student at the Australian Film, Television and Radio School
12.30 Diary of a Sane Man. Film-maker Gad Hollander is thrown out of a window by a committee of producers and falls into his own movie. (r). Ends at **2.05**

ITV VARIATIONS

ANGLIA
As London except: 2.20pm-2.50 Gardens For All 5.10-5.40 Tell the Truth 6.25-7.00 Anglia News 12.40am Alfred Hitchcock Presents 1.10 Sportsworld Extra 2.10 Night Heat 3.10 The ITV Chart Show 4.05 60 Minutes 5.00-5.30 Champions — Arthur Ashe

BORDER
As London except: 2.20pm Sons and Daughters 2.50-3.15 Graham Kerr 5.10-5.40 Home and Away 6.00 Lookaround Monday 6.30-7.00 Take the High Road 12.40am Film: The Defector 2.30 Top Ten 3.00 Twilight Zone 3.45 Guldenburg Inheritance 4.35-5.30 Hit Man and Her

CENTRAL
As London except: 2.20pm-2.50 Cooking With Kuma 5.10-5.40 Gardening Time 6.25-7.00 Central News 12.40 Prisoner: Cell Block H 1.35 Garrison's Gorillas 2.30 Wrestling 3.35 Entertainment UK 4.35-5.30 Central Jobfinder '91

GRANADA
As London except: 11.25am-12.10 Roses Cricket 1.50 Daytime Green 2.20-3.15 Roses Cricket 3.25-3.55 Sons and Daughters 5.10-5.40 Roses Cricket 6.30-7.00 Granada Tonight 12.40 Film. The Defector

HTV WEST
As London except: 1.50pm The Sullivans 2.20-2.50 All Muck and Magic? 5.10-5.40 Home and Away 6.00 HTV News 6.35-7.00 What's On

HTV WALES
As HTV West except: 6.00pm Wales at Six 6.30-7.00 Primetime

TSW
As London except: 2.20pm-2.50 The Young Doctors 3.20-3.55 Home and Away 5.10-5.40 Families 6.00-7.00 TSW Today 12.40 Film: The Defector 2.30 Top Ten 3.00 Twilight Zone 3.45 Guldenburg Inheritance 4.35-5.30 Hit Man and Her

TVS
As London except: 2.20pm Coast to Coast People 2.45-3.15 That's History 5.10-5.40 Home and Away 6.00 Coast to Coast 6.30-7.00 Blockbusters 11.40 International Yacht Racing 11.50 Not Waving But Drowning 12.50am Sportsworld Extra 1.50 Special Squad 2.45 Film: Broadway Serenade' 5.00-5.30 Countryside Close

TYNE TEES
As London except: 11.25am-11.55 Roses Cricket 1.50 Daytime Green 2.20-3.15 Roses Cricket 5.10-5.40 Roses Cricket 6.00 Northern Life 6.30-7.00 Home and Away 12.40am Film: The Defector 2.30 America's Top Ten 3.00 The Twilight Zone 3.45 The Guldenburg Inheritance 4.35-5.30 The Hit Man and Her

ULSTER
As London except: 1.50-3.15 Film: Once a Hero 5.10-5.40 Home and Away 6.00 Six Tonight 6.30-7.00 Ronan on the Road 12.40am Film: The Defector 2.30 America's Top Ten 3.00 The Twilight Zone 3.45 The Guldenburg Inheritance 4.35-5.30 Night Beat

YORKSHIRE
As London except: 11.25am-12.10pm Roses Cricket 2.00-3.15 Roses Cricket 5.10-5.40 Roses Cricket 6.00 Calendar 6.30-7.00 Home and Away 11.40 Prisoner: Cell Block H 12.35am Film: The Execution 2.15 Vietnam: The Ten Thousand Day War 2.45 Trans World Sport 3.45 Music Box 4.15 Music Box Profile 4.45-5.30 Jobfinder

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Starts: 6.00am C4 Daily 9.25 Eisteddfod Genedlaethol Frenhinol Cymru Bro Dalyn 1991 10.00 SuperTed 10.20 QED — The Master Game 10.50 Easy Does It 11.05 Film: The Dawn Rider' 12.00 Family Pride 12.30 Newyddion 12.35 Cities of Islam 1.00 Countdown 1.30 Business Daily 2.00 Flowering Passions 2.30 Eisteddfod Genedlaethol Frenhinol Cymru 4.00 Miwy O Stadcilfod 4.30 A Different World 5.00 The Munsters' 5.30 Brookside 6.00 Newyddion 6.10 Hano 6.35 Now You're Talking 7.00 Dinas 7.30 Eisteddfod Genedlaethol Frenhinol Cymru 8.30 Newyddion 8.55 C'mon Middlfid 9.25 Y Pethe O'Fro Dalyn 10.30 Swig O Fasta' 11.00 Down Under: Palisade 11.20 Down Under: Salt, Saliva, Sperm and Sweat 12.10 Down Under: The Rational Life Films 1-5 12.30am Diary of a Sane Man 2.05 Dilwadd

RTE 1
Starts: 10.55am Film: Eagle Rock 11.55 Film: Tommy Trickor and the Stamp Traveller 1.45 News followed by Film: Elvis on Tour 4.25 The Love Boat 4.40 Carson's Law 5.30 A Country Practice 6.00 The Angelus 6.01 News 6.15 Daffy Duck followed by Jason Donovan and Friends 6.40 Family Pictures 7.05 Slow Boat from Surbaya 8.05 The Young Riders 9.00 News 9.15 China Beach 10.05 Film: Off Beat 11.40 News 11.50 Close

NETWORK 2
Starts: 3.15pm Bosco 3.45 Charlie Chalk 4.00 How Do You Do 4.15 The Raccoons 4.40 Film: The Road to Rio 6.25 Home and Away 6.5 Nuacht 7.00 The Fenouillard Family 7.05 Coach 7.30 Coronation Street 8.00 News followed by Film: The Sign of Four 9.45 News followed by Pavarotti in the Park 11.55 Close

SATELLITE

SKY ONE
● Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites.
6.00am The DJ Kat Show 8.40 Mrs Pepperpot 8.55 Playabout 9.10 Cartoons 9.30 Mr Ed 10.00 The Lucy Show 10.30 The Young Doctors 11.00 The Bold and the Beautiful 11.30 The Young and the Restless 12.30pm Sale of the Century 1.00 True Confessions 1.30 Another World 2.20 Santa Barbara 2.45 Wife of the Week 3.15 The Brady Bunch 3.45 The DJ Kat Show 5.00 Different Strokes 5.30 Bewitched 6.00 Family Ties 6.30 Sale of the Century 7.00 Love at First Sight 7.30 *All* 8.00 Holocaust: Second of four-part mini series 10.00 Love at First Sight 10.30 Anything For Money 11.00 Hill Street Blues 12.00 The Outer Limits 1.00am Pages from Skytext

SKY NEWS
● Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites.
News on the hour.
5.00am Sunrise 5.30 Beyond 2000 9.30 Dayline 10.30 Beyond 2000 11.00 International Business Report 11.30 Dayline 12.30pm CBS News 1.30 CBS News 2.30 Getaway 3.30 Our World: Ark on the Move 4.30 Beyond 2000 5.00 Live at Five 6.30 Newsline 8.30 Beyond 2000 10.30 Newsline 11.30 CBS News 12.30am Newsline 1.30 CBS News 2.30 Beyond 2000 3.30 CBS News 4.30 Beyond 2000

SKY MOVIES+
● Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites.
6.00am Showcase
10.00 Where Pigeons Go To Die (1990): A middle-aged man reflects upon the time he spent with his grandfather as a young boy
12.00 Words By Heart (1988): A black family faces prejudice in a small mid-western community at the turn of the century
2.00pm Circle of Violence (1985): A middle-aged widow vents her frustrations on her elderly mother Starring Tuesday Weld
3.50 The Accidental Tourist (1988): A quirky dog trainer (Geena Davis) helps William Hurt to overcome his divorce
6.00 Catch Me If You Can (1989): A drag-racer undertakes a series of high-speed road races to raise money for his local high school. Starring Matt Lattanzi
8.00 Bill and Ted's Excellent Adventure (1989). Two teenagers travel back in time and enlist the help of Napoleon and Socrates, among others, to help them pass their history exam
9.40 UK Top Ten
10.00 Creepshow 2 (1987): Three spine-chilling stories from the horror collective of Stephen King and George Romero
11.30 Body Rock (1984): A streetwise young dancer rejects his old friends when he become famous. Starring Lorenzo Lamas
1.10am Act of Piracy (1988): A band of mercenaries hijacks a yacht
2.50 She Was Marked For Murder (1988): A widow (Stefanie Powers) remarries and learns some chilling secrets about her young husband
4.25 Bert Rigby, You're a Fool (1989): Offbeat comedy about a coal miner who wins a talent contest. Ends at 6.00

THE MOVIE CHANNEL
● Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites.
6.15am Mirage (1965, b/w). An amnesiac (Gregory Peck) finds his life is in danger
8.15 The Good, The Bad and Huckleberry Hound: Cartoon adventure
10.15 Violent Moment (1959): A disturbed young man murders the woman he lives with. Starring Lynden Brook
11.30 The Seagull (1968): Sidney Lumet's adaptation of Chekhov's classic play set in rural Russia in the 19th century
2.15pm The Whales of August (1987). Two elderly sisters (Bette Davis, Lillian Gish) wait for the end of summer and are charmed by a visiting Russian emigré (Vincent Price)
4.15 Easter Bunny Is Coming to Town: Cartoon in which a rabbit becomes the Easter mascot of a village of children
5.10 Last of the Curlews: Cartoon
6.15 Guts and Glory, Part One (1989): Biopic of Colonel Oliver North
8.15 The Long Road Home (1980): A family man travels to California during the Depression and becomes involved in the struggle for workers' rights. Starring Mark Harmon
10.15 Back to the Future 2 (1989): Michael J. Fox travels both forward and backwards in time to protect his offspring, and his own genesis
12.05am Isadora (1968): The Twenties bohemian dancer (Vanessa Redgrave) recalls her life and loves in flashback
2.40 The Fringe Dwellers (1987): An Aboriginal girl persuades her parents to move to an all-white neighbourhood
4.20 Night of the Generals (1967). A Nazi intelligence officer tries to discover the identity of a general who makes a habit of killing prostitutes. Ends at 8.40

SKY SPORTS
● Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites.
11.00am The Berlin Bowl 1.00pm Classic Cup Final Football 3.00 Australian Rugby League 5.00 Kick-Boxing 6.00 Tuff Trax 7.00 Power Hour Wrestling 8.00 Classic Cup Final Football 10.00 Superbouts 11.00 US PGA Golf 1990 Review 12.00 Classic Cup Final Football

EUROSPORT
● Via the Astra satellite.
1.00pm Motorcycling: UK Grand Prix 3.00 Tennis: Federation Cup from Nottingham 6.00 Sailing: Admiral's Cup 6.30 Eurosport News 7.00 Mobil Motorsport 7.30 Motorcycling: UK Grand Prix 9.00 Boxing: Tiozzo v Watts 10.30 Eurosport News

SCREENSPORT
● Via the Astra satellite.
7.00am Powersports International 8.00 Motor Sport 9.00 Snooker Shoot Out 10.00 Mud and Monsters 11.00 ATP/IBM Men's Tennis Tour 12.00 Tenpin Bowling 1.00pm Japanese Sports Car Championships 2.00 British Rallycross 3.00 British Open Rally Championships 3.30 US Grand Prix Show Jumping 4.30 Gillette World Sport Special 5.00 USWA Wrestling 6.00 Golf 7.00 International Show Jumping 8.00 Fight Night at The Forum 9.30 Sport from France 10.00 Volvo PGA European Golf Tour 11.00 Inside Track 12.00 Men's Canadian Tennis Highlights

LIFESTYLE
● Via the Astra satellite.
10.00am The Great American Gameshows 11.15 Coffee Break 11.20 Everyday Workout 11.50 Simply Marvellous 12.15pm Sally Jessy Raphael 1.05 What's Cooking 1.10 Search for Tomorrow 1.40 The Edge of Night 2.05 Divorce Court 2.30 Lifestyle Plus 2.40 The Tom Ewell Show 3.10 Murder at the Wedding 4.00 Tea Break 4.10 Mothers-In-Law 4.40 The Great American Gameshows 6.00 The Sell-a-Vision Shopping Programme 8.00 Close 10.00 The Sell-a-Vision Shopping Channel 12.00 Satellite Jukebox

MTV
● Via the Astra satellite.
Twenty-four hours of rock and pop

RADIO 3

6.35-6.55 Open University (FM only)
6.55 Weather; News Headlines
7.00 Morning Concert: Walton (Violin Concerto)
7.30 News
7.35 Morning Concert (cont): Delibes (Suite, Coppélia); Beethoven (Piano Sonata in D minor, Op 31 No 2, Tempest); Villa-Lobos (Bachiana Brasileira No 5)
8.30 News
8.35 Composers of the Week: Mendelssohn — Youthful Mastery. Overture, A Midsummer Night's Dream (Bavarian RSO under Rafael Kubelik); Three Fantasies, Op 16 (Lydia Artymiw, piano); Frage, Op 9 No 1 (Peter Schreier, tenor, Walter Olbertz, piano); String Quartet in A, Op 13 (Guarneri Quartet)
9.35 Morning Sequence: Granados (Goyescas, Part 1); Aguilera de Heredia (Ensalada); Santiago de Murcia (La Jotta; Cumbees), Francisco Guerau (Passacalles on the seventh tone); Martin Codax (Cantigas de amigo); Soler (Concerto No 6 in D for two organs), Guerrero (O sacrum convivium); Lobo (O quam suavis est, Domine); Santiago de Murcia (Prelude and Passacalle; Folias Italianas; Fandango); Granados (Goyescas, Part 2; El pelele)
11.40 Ulster Orchestra under Thomas Sanderling, with Rivka Golani, viola, performs Mahler (Symphonic Prelude, 1876); Liszt (Tasso, lamento e trionfo); Berlioz (Harold in Italy)
1.00pm News
1.05 Mozart Summer: Mozart String Quintets. Quartet in C, K 170 (Quartetto Italiano); Quintet in E flat, K 614 (Alberni Quartet, with Paul Silverthorne, viola)
1.50 Prom Talk (r)
2.20 Leaves of Grass: The first of three programmes of settings of Walt Whitman's poetry. Delius (Sea Drift); Roy Harris (Symphony for Voices); Vaughan Williams (Three Poems by Walt Whitman); William Schuman (Carols of Death); Hamilton Harty (The Mystic Trumpeter)
3.55 Début: The cellist Mari Fujiwara and the pianist Gordon Back perform Strauss (Sonata in F, Op 6)
4.25 Beethoven (String Quartet in F minor, Op 95: Amadeus Quartet)
4.50 Telemann Orchestral Music: Collegium Musicum 90 under Simon Standage, violin, with Rachel Brown, flute, Lars Ulrich Mortensen, harpsichord perform Violin Concerto in E; Suite Ouverture Burlesque in B flat; Flute and Violin Concerto in E minor
5.30 Mainly for Pleasure **7.00** News
7.05 Pat Hobby's Hollywood: Teamed with Genius
● CHOICE: For Pat Hobby, read F. Scott Fitzgerald. Although his tales of Tinseltown are more Runyoneseque than his more familiar work, anyone who knows anything about Fitzgerald's abortive spell as Hollywood scriptwriter in the late Thirties will recognise that Hobby, movie hack and no-hoper, is Fitzgerald seen in a distorting mirror, and that Pat Hobby's Hollywood is only slightly more surreal than Fitzgerald's. Tonight's tale, authoritatively read by the American actor Ed Bishop, has Hobby revenging himself on the languid English playwright to whom he has been harnessed
7.30 Proms 1991: Live from the Albert Hall, London. Nancy Argenta, soprano, Catherine Robbin, alto, John Mark Ainsley, tenor, Alistair Miles, bass, Schütz Choir of London, London Classical Players under Roger Norrington perform Mozart (Symphony No 38 in D, K 504, Prague). **8.00** Mozart in Print. Albi Rosenthal on the early dissemination of Mozart's music. **8.20** Mozart (Requiem, K 626)
9.25 Poet of the Month: The American poet John Ashbery talks to Denis Donoghue
9.45 David Sawer (Cat's Eye: Lontano under Odaline de la Martinez) (r)
10.10 Thomas Rajna: The pianist plays Dohnányi (Four Rhapsodies, Op 11); Rajna (Capriccio)
10.50 Violin and Cello: Lydia Mordkovitch and Morag Welsh perform Schnittke (Prelude in memoriam Dmitri Shostakovich, for violin and tape); Dutilleux (Three Strophes on the name Sacher, for cello); Ravel (Sonata for violin and cello) (r)
11.30 News
11.35-12.35am Composers of the Week: Bliss (r)

RADIO 4

(s) Stereo on FM
5.55am Shipping Forecast **6.00** News Briefing, incl **6.03** Weather **6.10** Farming Today **6.25** Prayer for the Day (s) **6.30** Today, incl **6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30** News **6.55, 7.55** Weather
8.35 The Week on 4 **8.43** Summoned by Bells: Written and read by John Betjeman (4 of 9) (r) **8.58** Weather
9.00 News
9.05 The Summer Strand, with Charles Kennedy (s)
10.00 News; Money Box Moneycheck from Howden Park Centre in Livingston, West Lothian (r)
10.30 Morning Story: The Oedipus Complex, by V.S. Pritchett. Read by John Moffatt (r)
10.45 Daily Service (s)
11.00 News; Down Your Way: Gordon Beningfield visits the Guards' Chapel, Wellington Barracks and St James's Park (r)
11.40 Poetry Please! (s)
12.00 News; You and Yours, with Debbie Thrower
12.25pm Brain of Britain 1991: Robert Robinson chairs the final of the nationwide general knowledge contest (s) **12.55** Weather
1.00 The World at One, with Nick Clarke
1.40 The Archers (r) **1.55** Shipping Forecast
2.00 News; Woman's Hour: Ann Jones, author of *Women Who Kill* discusses female violence with Helena Kennedy QC, and the physicist Joan Freeman is interviewed by Cathy Smith
3.00 News; Bertie and the Tinman: Timothy West stars as Albert Edward, the Prince of Wales, in Geoffrey Matthews's dramatisation of Peter Lovesey's novel. In 1886, Bertie turns sleuth to investigate the apparent suicide of the jockey Fred Archer (s) (r)
4.30 Kaleidoscope: Includes Judith Cooke talking about her new biography of Daphne du Maurier, a review of new Stravinsky compact discs, and a preview of Witold Lutoslawski's forthcoming Promenade concert (s)
5.00 PM 5.50 Shipping Forecast **5.55** Weather
6.00 Six O'Clock News; Financial Report
6.30 The News Quiz: Barry Took quizzes Alan Coren, Richard Ingrams and guests on the week's events (s) (r)
7.00 News
7.05 The Archers
7.20 I Saw Three Ships: Ham Fever
● CHOICE: Clive Langmead's trilogy about occasional sailors is getting an early repeat, which should please those seadogs and landlubbers who heard, and enjoyed, these wholly involving documentaries the first time round. Tonight's is an account of the herring (hem, in the local patois) fever which, every autumn, afflicts the men of Annalong, in County Down, who pull away from the shore in their wooden skiffs, cast their nets, and wait for the silver darlings to oblige. Langmead paints a marvellous picture of a whole town floating a mile offshore (r)
7.45 The Monday Play: The Folly. Martyn Read's farce, set in the 18th century, Sir Morton Makepeace (Freddie Jones) devises a play around the construction of a folly at his country home. His cast, however, decide to take the plot into their own hands (s)
9.00 Life with Lederer: Helen Lederer takes a mystery cruise with guests Malcolm Rasbum, Amelia Bullmore, James Quinn and Victoria Finney (s)
9.15 Kaleidoscope (s) (r)
9.45 The Financial World Tonight (s) **9.59** Weather
10.00 The World Tonight (s)
10.45 A Book at Bedtime: Talking It Over, by Julian Barnes (6 of 10)
11.00 Fourth Column Revisited: In the first of six programmes, Simon Hoggart reviews some of his favourite excerpts from the past series (r)
11.30 Ulysses: The fifth of a 16-part adaptation of James Joyce's epic novel
12.00-12.30am News, incl **12.27** Weather **12.33** Shipping Forecast

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RADIO 1

FM Stereo and MW. **4.00am** Neale James (FM only) **6.00** Gary King **9.00** Bates's Mates: Phil Collins **11.00** The Radio 1 Roadshow, with Simon Mayo and the Breakfast Crew from The Promenade, Weston Super Mare **12.30pm** Newsbeat **12.45** Gary Davies. Let's Do Lunch **3.00** Paul McKenna in the Afternoon **5.30** News '91 **6.00** Jakki Brambles **7.30** Mark Goodier's Evening Session **9.00** Out on Blue Six **10.00** Nicky Campbell Goes into the Night **12.00-4.00am** Bob Harris (FM only)

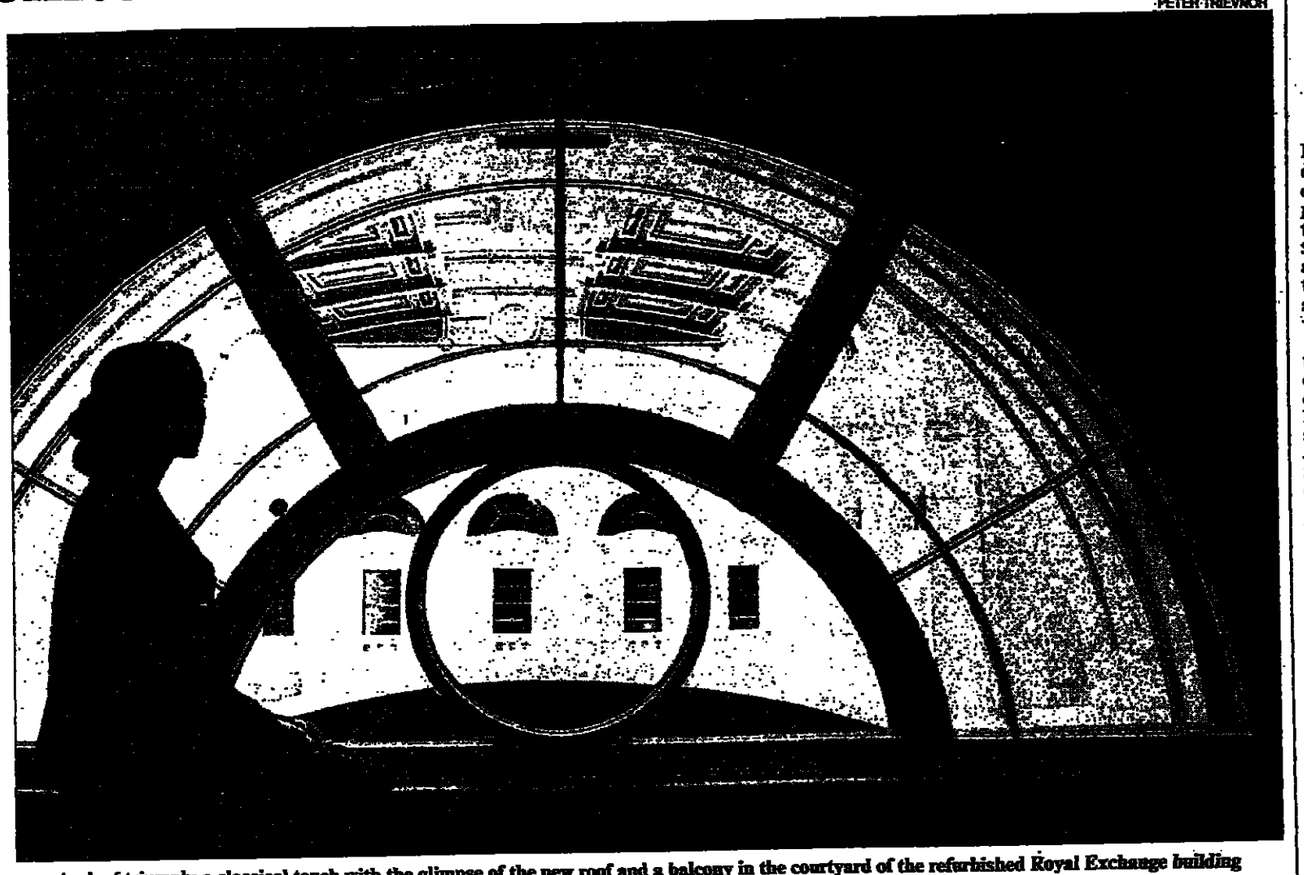
RADIO 2

FM Stereo. **4.00am** Steve Madden **6.00** Ken Bruce **7.30** Brian Hayes **9.30** Judith Chalmers **11.00** Jimmy Young **1.05pm** Mark Wynter **2.00** Gloria Hunniford **4.00** Gyles Brandreth **5.05** John Dunn **7.00** Hubert Gregg says Thanks for the Memory **7.30** Alan Dell with Dance Band Days **8.00** Alan Dell with Dance Band Days, and at **8.30** Big Band Special **9.00** Humphrey Lyttelton

City architect takes a trick from Michelangelo

Marcus Binney hails the high-quality work of modern craftsmen in the £37 million new look to the Royal Exchange

PETER TREVNOR



Arch of triumph: a classical touch with the glimpse of the new roof and a balcony in the courtyard of the refurbished Royal Exchange building

THE newly completed refurbishment of the Royal Exchange in London, opposite the Bank of England, is a magnificent demonstration that today's craftsmen can match the quality of earlier centuries.

Faced with the problem of substantially increasing office floor space, the architect, Colin Christmas of the Fitzroy Robinson Partnership, took his cue from the extra storey Michelangelo added to the courtyard of the Palazzo Farnese in Rome.

Outside the two extra storeys barely show behind Sir William Tite's original 1840s parapet balustrades. In the courtyard they are ingeniously contained within one perfectly proportioned Corinthian arcade, with the top floor being lit by lunettes contrived in the arches.

Particularly successful is the new coved roof, which is modelled on an engraving of Pennethorne's long-vanished museum of economic geology. What appears to look like crisp, richly modelled plaster work is all fibreglass, pre-coloured in red, white and blue and then highlighted with gold.

Interior redecoration, carried out jointly with Hammonds, has revealed a series of splendid 1929 interiors by an unknown architect, including an elegant saucer-domed saloon in the style of Sir John Soane.

Surviving elements of Tite's original interiors have been redecorated on the advice of Clive Wainwright of the Victoria & Albert Museum. The work has been done for Guardian Royal Exchange and it is hoped that a forthcoming move of the International Futures Exchange will soon make it possible to reopen the ground floor of the courtyard.

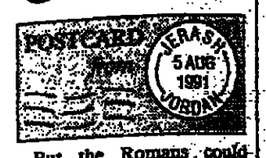
Costing £37 million, the refurbishment is one of the most expensive every undertaken on a Grade I listed building, and has provided Guardian Royal Exchange with 40,000 square feet of extra accommodation in the heart of the City, which it is now seeking to let.

Great pains have been taken over the quality of the work. The new Corinthian capitals, carved in Portland stone under the direction of the sculptor Mel Morris Jones, each took 11 weeks to complete. The new entrance hall contains an unusual ebony-and-oak reception desk designed by Mr Christmas in the form of a giant Ionic capital.

Tite's Royal Exchange succeeds two earlier buildings on the site: Sir Thomas Gresham's first Exchange of 1566, and its successor of 1667-71 by Edward Jarman, which was destroyed by fire in 1838.

In Town, page 15

Tourists fear to tread in city of ancient ghosts



IF YOU are someone who enjoys wandering around ancient cities without the company of package-tour multitudes, then salute President Saddam Hussein, for tourists are still apparently too timid to return to Jordan a year after the Iraqi leader's own visit to Kuwait.

"In Paris, people think it is too dangerous here because of what journalists wrote during the war," said one French traveller in the deserted, paved main street of Jerash, in which can be seen ruts cut by long-gone chariots. "Of course, it's not true."

One year after Saddam sent his tanks rolling into Kuwait, the Middle East is still blighted by a feeling of insecurity that keeps the tourists away.

Not all the old cities can be visited, because 20th-century politics has placed the various sites behind borders of adversarial nations, many ruled by men whose leadership style is closer to that of predecessors from times when human rights meant little.

Iraq is dotted with the remarkable remains of the ancients of Mesopotamia, who still exert a strange power over that land's present ruler. In southern Iraq, where the wheel and writing were invented, Saddam has rebuilt Babylon with bricks in which his name is inscribed, a megalomaniacal message of hope that these bricks will last another 3,000 years and ensure he is not forgotten.

While Jordanian coffers hunger for the tourist's return, the ghosts of decay — past, present and to come — are palpably present. No city is permanent, and the Middle East is speckled with the vestiges of ancient settlements that still cast shadows over the present. One such place is Jerash, a site 35 miles north of Amman, that two millennia ago was a wealthy provincial metropolis on the outer reaches of the Roman empire.

An earthquake in AD747, marauding crusaders and Muslim warlords bent on eradicating the ghosts of its pagan founders wreaked considerable destruction; but it was the city's lapse into obscurity when post-Roman trade routes changed that was the real saviour. Greater Hellenistic cities such as Philadelphia, which has all but vanished beneath present-day Amman, fell victim to being used as stone quarries, but the remote site of Jerash ensured its survival.

But the Romans could probably teach a few lessons to today's civic planners, judging by the sensible layout of Jerash across rolling, barren hills studded with rocks and scrub. Most buildings were built during a programme that began in the middle of the first century. The city's golden age was the third century, when it was estimated to have had about 15,000 residents.

Their engineers built things to last, the most extraordinary evidence being found by sticking your hand into a groove at the base of a gargantuan Corinthian pillar outside the temple of Artemis.

The capital gently squeezes and then releases your fingers as the tons of grey-chiseled stone — about 60ft high and 8ft in circumference — minutely sways in the wind.

Scores of other columns still flank the forum and main street, behind which sit the remains of shops and the bath house, the centre of Roman social life. Passageways and staircases lead down into the innards of numerous buildings, still supported by sturdy stone vaults. Churches from the later Christian era are still replete with mosaics on the floor.

The 4,000-seat south theatre is in near-perfect condition and still pulls the crowds. The stone ampitheater, in which ancient members of the chattering classes no doubt spent many an enjoyable night, has such good accoustics microphones need not be used.

Today the only resident of the ruins is an elderly man named Abdul, who lives in a tent to guard the site of a second theatre that is being reconstructed. In keeping with Arab hospitality, he automatically poured a cup of highly sweet tea for any visitor who dropped by to look at the piles of toppled pillars and masonry that have been meticulously stacked and numbered for reassembly.

It's a mammoth job, given that about 80 per cent of Jerash remains unexcavated, and it will be a long time before Arabs in the region abandon a phrase to describe a disaster as being "like the ruins of Jerash".

ADAM KELLIHER

Troika mission to Yugoslavia fails

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exactly what "the opponents" wanted. But he added: "It is a war between Serbia and Croatia, part of the armed forces and a part of the ethnic Serb population of Croatia."

The Croatian government accused Serbia and some parts of the Serbian-led Federal Army on Saturday of helping Serbian guerrillas on its territory. But the Serbian president, Slobodan Milosevic, who met Mr van den Broek and his colleagues on Saturday evening, blamed Croatia and Slovenia for the escalation of the violence. He accused them of breaking an earlier agreement with the EC which led to the posting of EC ceasefire observers in Slovenia.

The EC had been attempting to get agreement on the deployment European Community ceasefire observers in Croatia. The ministers' failure reduces further the chances of averting even larger clashes between the 9.8 million Serbs and the community of about 5 million Croats.

The ending of the mission came as a severe blow to Croatia where fighting has intensified in the past week. Explosions and artillery fire shook eastern Croatia during Saturday night and at least two people were killed.

Police at Osijek in eastern Croatia denied that a journalist had been killed overnight describing the report as disinformation. The Croatian parliament had earlier approved the call issued by Yugoslavia's state presidency for an end to fighting.

Serbs scent victory, page 10

Lilley denies giving Saddam help

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ons, which will be covered in his response later this week to a fresh list of questions from the Commons trade and industry committee. A UN report has shown that thionyl chloride found at the Muthanna plant was used to make mustard gas by mixing it with thiodyglycol. The government's published list of exports shows thionyl chloride was sent.

Labour intervened to demand from the prime minister a full account of the uses of exports to Iraq. Mr Lilley denied that the government was holding anything back and said that he wanted information he would be sending to the trade and industry select committee this week to be made public.

The trade secretary was clearly irritated that an issue he initialy dismissed as a "fuss about nothing" has refused to lie down. He suggested that his critics were comparing "apples and oranges" to support their case. They were failing to differentiate between natural uranium — of which he admitted two grammes had been exported — and depleted uranium, the subject of yesterday's reports.

The DTI said yesterday that licences would not have been approved if it had considered it possible the substance would have had a military use. The list also showed "thiodiglycol" was sent.

However, the DTI confirmed yesterday that that entry covered a number of harmless chemicals but not thiodycglycol itself.

Asked about reports that Britain had supplied Iraq with precursors for VX nerve gas, a spokesman said the question would be covered in the evidence to the committee.

Leading article, page 15

Tons of uranium overfly UK

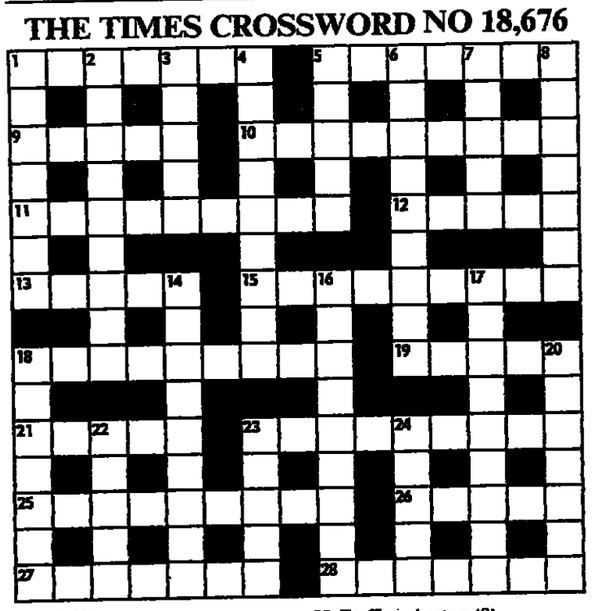
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nuclear fuel in reactors or in bombs. During enrichment, the proportion of U-235 is increased. What is left is depleted uranium, in which the proportion of U-235 has been reduced to half its natural level. In theory, the depleted uranium can be fed back to an enrichment plant and its remaining quantities of U-235 extracted. This has been done by British Nuclear Fuels when prices of uranium ore were high. As a route to a bomb, however, this would be far more difficult than acquiring natural uranium and enriching that.

● Chemical weapons experts are bewildered by data provided by the trade department listing chemicals exported to Iraq. The lists, provided to the Commons industry committee by the department, appear to show that Britain exported a whole series of chemicals known to be precursors in the production of chemical and nerve agents.

Frank Barnaby, a former director of the Stockholm peace research institute, said: "The Australia Group of nations trying to control the export of such materials lists 50 chemicals, and puts nine of them on the 'core list' as being the most dangerous. The DTI list includes every one of them."

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ACROSS

1 Pre-arranged exercises or studies (7).
5 Lay about cheat, not saying very much (7).
9 Bit of a bloomer, going to sea without a mate (5).
10 The newly-wed will accept only a little water in the restaurant (5-4).
11 Never seen so clean! (9).
12 Some fruit peel emits a fragrant substance (5).
13 Standing to attention before the court (5).
15 Regards transport as a painful sight (3-6).
18 Talk of the underworld and run! (9).
19 Showing spirit, a leading journalist backed protest (5).
21 Stop to read about the forerunners of Osbert Lancaster (5).
23 Traffic indicators (9).
25 A great egg concoction to get together (9).
26 Looked for sound self-esteem (5).
27 Finish up without a suit packed (7).
28 Not existing in any locale or doubly present? (7).

DOWN

1 Spouter's revolutionary attitude (7).
2 Get one's own back (9).
3 Taking a seaman round a port in Uruguay (5).
4 A tourist found these girls sadly without any money (9).
5 Inflation is breaking the Lord, a Scottish owner (5).
6 Quite unperturbed, it's gathered (9).
7 She was very tearful in retiring with honour (5).
8 A flowery word from the poet? (7).
14 Like Herrick's Rose, incapable of scoring! (9).
16 Possibly rue never being other than environmentally-aware (9).
17 Acknowledging a young woman in a seedy club (9).
18 Cut time for the accommodation of ships (7).
20 Dire use may be made of the remains (7).
22 Record one century in the science of though: (5).
23 A good man with experience (5).
24 Hand round a soft fruit (5).

Concise Crossword, page 17

PARKER DUOFOLD

The solution of Saturday's Prize Puzzle No 18,675 will appear next Saturday. The 5 winners will receive a Duofold fountain pen supplied by Parker

WORD-WATCHING

By Philip Howard

ARCHITECTICS

AUMBRY
a. A soft pink marble
b. A holy recess or cupboard
c. An overhanging sunshade

TRUMEAU
a. A Y-shaped beam
b. A corbelled turret
c. A mullion on a wide door

FRATER
a. A member of RIBA
b. A male caryatid
c. A dining room

MUTULE
a. A dumb waiter
b. A builder's level
c. A segment of the Doric order

Answers on page 18, column 1

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WEATHER

Southeastern England will be dry with a fair amount of cloud. The best of any sunshine will be over East Anglia and the East Midlands. Thicker cloud and rain over Wales and the southwest will spread eastwards. Rain will be heaviest and most prolonged in the north, but in will become dry later. Cloud and rain over Scotland and Northern Ireland will soon be replaced by brighter, drier weather. Outlook: changeable.

AROUND BRITAIN

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Aberdeen	10.7	-	22	72	sunny
Anglesey	8.3	.06	19	66	rain
Aviemore	7.1	-	21	70	bright
Belfast	3.3	.08	20	68	shower
Birmingham	4.8	-	23	73	bright
Blackpool	8.8	-	24	75	sunny
Bognor Regis	3.7	-	20	68	cloudy
Bournemouth	0.9	-	21	70	cloudy
Brighton	4.5	.01	20	68	sunny
Bristol	2.4	-	22	72	bright
Buxton	8.5	.17	23	73	sunny
Cardiff	1.4	.05	21	70	cloudy
Clacton	8.0	-	22	72	sunny
Colwyn Bay	10.6	-	23	73	sunny
Cromer	11.1	-	23	73	sunny
Eastbourne	6.4	.03	21	70	sunny
Edinburgh	5.3	-	23	73	bright
Eskdalemuir	4.7	.01	19	66	bright
Exmouth	1.9	.04	20	68	cloudy
Falmouth	1.9	.06	20	68	fog
Folkestone	8.7	-	20	68	sunny
Glasgow	6.9	-	22	72	sunny
Guernsey	1.0	-	23	73	dull
Hastings	6.9	-	20	68	sunny
Hunstanton	11.7	-	25	77	sunny
Jersey	3.5	-	24	75	cloudy
Kinloss	10.0	-	24	75	bright
Leeds	8.6	-	25	77	sunny
Lerwick	4.9	-	17	63	sunny
Littlehampton	4.4	-	21	70	bright
London	5.1	-	23	73	bright
Lowestoft	9.3	-	26	79	sunny
Manchester	7.4	.03	23	73	shower
Minehead	4.3	.09	23	73	shower
Morecambe	10.0	-	23	73	sunny
Newcastle	5.2	-	24	75	sunny
Newquay	0.6	.20	19	66	rain
Nottingham	9.5	-	25	77	sunny
Penzance	1.7	.14	21	70	drizzle
Plymouth	1.6	.05	19	66	drizzle
Poole	0.4	-	20	68	cloudy
Salcombe	1.2	.22	20	68	fog
Sandown	2.1	-	21	70	cloudy
Saunton Snd	3.0	.08	19	66	sunny
Scarborough	11.2	-	25	77	sunny
Scilly Isles	5.3	.02	19	66	sunny
Shanklin	2.8	-	20	68	cloudy
Southsea	1.4	-	21	70	bright
St. Ives	2.1	.35	18	64	sunny
Stornoway	4.5	.02	18	64	shower
Swanage	0.3	-	19	66	cloudy
Teignmouth	1.8	.02	22	72	cloudy
Tenby	5.5	.08	19	66	sunny
Tiree	8.0	.05	17	63	shower
Torquay	1.6	-	23	73	bright
Wick	13.4	-	20	68	sunny
Worthing	4.9	-	21	70	bright

These are Saturday's figures

LONDON

Yesterday: Temp: max 6am to 6pm, 25C (77F); min 6 pm to 6 am, 18C (64F). Humidity: 6pm, 55 per cent. Rain: 24hr to 6pm, nil. Sun: 24hr to 6pm, 9.9 hr. Bar, mean sea level, 6pm, 1,021.5 millibars, falling.

HIGHEST & LOWEST

Saturday: Highest day temp: Cleethorpes, Humberside, and Coningsby, Lincolnshire, 27C (81F); lowest day max: Fair Isle, Shetland, and Orsay, Strathclyde, 16C (61F); highest rainfall: St Ives, Cornwall, 0.35 in; highest sunshine: Wick, Highland, 13.4 hr.

MANCHESTER

Yesterday: Temp: max 6am to 6pm, 23C (73F); min 6pm to 6am, 11C (52F). Rain: 24hr to 6pm, nil. Sun: 24hr to 6pm, 4.7 hr.

ABROAD

MIDDAY: t=thunder; d=drizzle; fg=fog; s=sun; sl=sleet; sn=snow; f=fair; c=cloud; r=rain

	C	F			C	F	
Ajaccio	27	81	s	Madrid	35	95	s
Alicante	28	82	s	Majorca	34	93	s
Amst'dam	23	84	f	Malaga	31	88	s
Athens	33	91	s	Malta	29	84	s
Bahrain	43	109	s	Melb'rne	16	61	s
Barbados	31	88	s	Miami	33	91	s
Barcelona	28	82	s	Milan	30	86	s
Beirut	28	82	s	Montreal	26	79	s
Belgrade	22	72	s	Moscow	23	73	f
Berlin	23	73	c	Munich	24	75	f
Bermuda	31	88	s	Nairobi	25	77	f
Biarritz	24	75	s	Naples	30	86	f
Borde'x	25	77	s	N Delhi	29	84	f
Brussels	24	75	f	N York	29	84	f
Budapest	25	77	f	Nice	27	81	s
B Aires	11	52	s	Oslo	20	68	c
Cairo	34	93	s	Paris	25	77	f
Cape Tn	16	61	s	Peking	32	90	c
Chicago	26	79	c	Perth	14	57	c
Ch'church	9	48	s	Prague	22	72	c
Cologne	24	75	c	Reykjavik	15	59	r
C'phgn	22	72	f	Rhodes	29	84	s
Corfu	29	84	s	Rio de J	17	63	d
Dublin	20	68	c	Riyadh	40	104	s
Dubrovnik	28	82	f	Rome	29	84	s
Faro	29	84	s	Salzburg	20	68	c
Florence	32	90	s	S Fylace	14	57	c
Helsinki	20	68	f	Santiago	5	41	c
Hong K	31	88	f	S Paulo	11	52	c
Innsbruck	22	72	f	Seoul	25	77	c
Istanbul	28	82	f	Tel Aviv	31	88	s
Jeddah	40	104	s	Tenerife	31	88	s
Jo'burg	17	63	s	Tokyo	28	82	c
L Palmas	28	79	s	Toronto	18	64	c
Lisbon	28	82	s	Tunis	33	91	s
Locarno	26	79	c	Valencia	29	84	s
London	23	73	f	Venice	29	84	s
L Angels	21	70	c	Vienna	23	73	c
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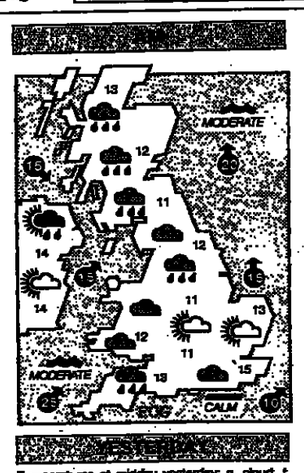
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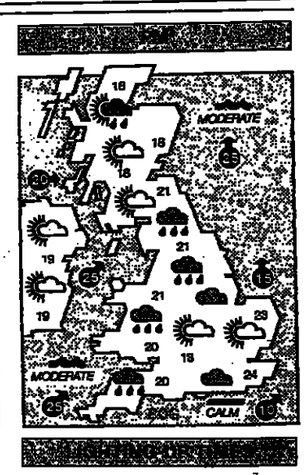
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YESTERDAY

Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

	C	F			C	F	
Belfast	19	64	c	Guernsey	18	64	c
Birmingham	20	68	f	Inverness	18	64	c
Blackpool	20	68	f	Jersey	22	72	c
Bristol	21	70	s	London	23	73	f
Cardiff	21	70	f	M'nchester	20	68	f
Edinburgh	18	64	c	Newcastle	21	70	f
Glasgow	17	63	f	R'nldsway	18	61	c

RAINFALL

Yesterday: Temp: max. 8am to 6pm, 19C (66F); min 6pm to 6am, 13C (55F). Rain: 24hr to 6pm, 0.01 in. Sun: 24hr to 6pm, 1.5 hr.

HIGH/LOW TIDES

London 8.43 pm to 5.31 am
Bristol 8.58 pm to 5.41 am
Edinburgh 5.13 pm to 5.25 am
Manchester 8.59 pm to 5.32 am
Penzance 9.00 pm to 5.57 am



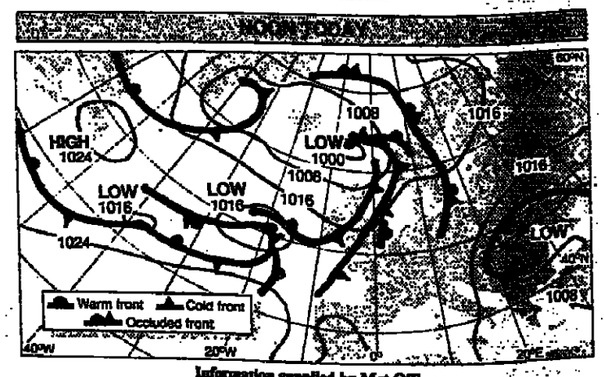
Sun rises: 5.30 am
Sun sets: 8.43 pm
Moon sets 5.06 pm
Moon rises 12.36 am
New Moon August 10

TIDES

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT	TOMORROW	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	9.02	5.8	9.27	5.9	Liverpool	6.32	7.8	7.17	7.6
Aberdeen	8.55	3.5	9.44	3.5	Lowestoft	5.15	2.0	5.28	2.1
Avonmouth	1.55	10.4	2.33	10.2	Margate	7.18	4.0	7.42	4.1
Belfast	6.25	3.1	7.08	3.1	Milford Haven	1.10	5.5	1.48	5.4
Cardiff	1.40	9.7	2.18	9.6	Newquay	12.10	5.6	12.48	5.5
Devonport	12.35	4.4	1.21	4.4	Oban	1.06	3.0	1.22	2.9
Dover	6.16	5.5	8.50	5.6	Penzance	—	—	12.40	4.4
Falmouth	12.05	4.2	12.51	4.2	Portland	1.30	1.4	2.11	1.4
Glasgow	7.46	4.1	8.27	4.1	Portsmouth	7.03	3.8	7.41	3.9
Harwich	7.10	3.4	7.34	3.4	Shoreham	6.21	4.9	7.07	5.0
Holyhead	5.47	4.6	6.37	4.5	Southampton	6.30	3.7	7.08	3.9
Ilfracombe	12.54	7.3	1.31	7.1	Swansea	1.24	7.8	2.04	7.5
King's Lynn	1.28	5.0	2.01	5.2	Tees	11.30	4.4	—	—
Leith	10.10	4.8	10.55	4.5	W'ton-on-Nze	7.03	3.8	7.28	3.8

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Babcock to build waste fuel project

By Our Industrial Correspondent

BABCOCK International Group has won a "beauty contest" to build, own and operate a £100 million power station in Portsmouth that will be fuelled by municipal waste.

The contract was put out to tender by Hampshire county council, which will assume ownership of the power station after 20 years of operation.

Funds for the project will be obtained through off-balance sheet borrowing by Babcock Energy, a subsidiary established to compete for similar contracts around the country.

The 38-megawatt plant will sell sufficient power to the "pool", or spot market, to supply a town of 100,000 people. It will easily consume the 350,000 tonnes of domestic waste produced every year in Hampshire.

John Lace, managing director of Babcock Energy, said additional supplies of commercial waste, such as paper or tyres, would be needed to produce power at full capacity.

His company has applied for support from the non-fossil fuel obligation, a government levy on coal and oil burning plants intended to support nuclear power and energy from "renewable" sources.

Using technology licensed from Westinghouse Electric Corporation of America, Babcock's power station will burn rubbish at high temperatures to minimise emissions.

The power station will replace three existing incinerators and enable the council to end most of its landfill disposal. There will be provision for waste heat from the plant to be used to warm municipal buildings in Portsmouth at a later phase of the project.

Mr Lace said his company was pursuing similar opportunities elsewhere.

SA fund to open

A Guernsey fund specialising in South African equities, whose shares and warrants will be listed on the London Stock Exchange. The fund is being established by The Old Mutual, the oldest and largest life insurer in southern Africa, in association with Smith New Court, the London broker. The Old Mutual South Africa Fund seeks to raise a minimum $50 million gross, for investment in a portfolio that will include industrial, financial and resources-based shares.

Facility closes

Oceana Investment Corporation's special facility in pursuit of its £121 million takeover bid closes at 1pm today. The facility allows Etam shareholders to sell their shares in the market and receive an immediate 185p cash settlement. Oceana's bid remains open until August 12. After buying in the market last week, Oceana holds 31.77 per cent of Etam's equity. There have been acceptances totalling 1.46 per cent.

Diamond first

The Elizabeth Bay diamond mine in Namibia, south of Lüderitz, which De Beers brought into production in June at a capital cost of $69 million, has been opened officially by Sam Nujoma, president of Namibia. Elizabeth Bay is the first diamond mine opened since Namibia's independence.

THE POUND

CHANGE ON WEEK

US dollar
1.6880 (-0.0015)

German mark
2.9414 (+0.0059)

Exchange index
90.9 (same)

STOCK MARKETS

FT 30 Share
2014.8 (+11.1)

FT-SE 100
2601.7 (+12.4)

New York Dow Jones
3006.26 (+33.76)

Tokyo Nikkei Avge
24027.97 (+508.90)

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BCCI – the bank that swallowed itself

By Neil Bennett
Banking Correspondent

THE Bank of Credit and Commerce International fraud was so large that the bank was forced to "buy itself" to fool international regulators into believing it was solvent. The High Court has released the details of the confidential report by Price Waterhouse, the accountant, which has been lodged as evidence for the BCCI winding-up hearing. The report, which forced the Bank of England to shut BCCI a month ago, finally reveals the full extent of the largest and most complex fraud in banking history.

The report, amounting to 44 pages with some names blanked out in the public version, suggests the Abu Dhabi authorities, BCCI's main shareholders, knew about it early last year and kept silent. The fraud began, according to the report, in the early Eighties when BCCI started making heavy losses on lending and treasury dealings. Agha Hasan Abedi, BCCI's founder, and Swaleh Naqvi, chief executive, were worried the losses would prompt regulators to close BCCI. The report says they began false accounting and financial manipulation to make the bank look healthy.

During the fraud, BCCI inflated its resources by persuading friendly Middle Eastern businessmen to buy its shares in rights issues. Some were lent the money for the shares, and never asked to repay. Others were given buyback guarantees.

BCCI was using nominees to buy its own shares and by the end of 1989 owned or controlled an estimated 56 per cent of itself. This ended when Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan al-Nahyan, the ruler of Abu Dhabi, stepped in last year to become majority shareholder.

PW lists ten executives who assisted Mr Abedi and Mr Naqvi with the fraud, and ten other managers still working at the bank when it was closed, who would have known what was happening.

PW was also told during the investigation that a senior Abu Dhabi official was briefed on the problems in April 1990, but failed to tell the auditors. Sheikh Zayed himself knew nothing about the briefing, or the fraud. The directors, says the report, "have been taken in by, and trusted, the dominant and deceitful management."

BCCI's secret transactions were carried out by its special duties department in London which, according to the report, ran false loan accounts and unrecorded deposits around the world to patch the holes in the bank's balance sheet. The department's activity peaked in 1986 when it handled $1.6 billion.

The bank's first problem was its expanding bad debt portfolio. The principal cause of this was the Gulf Group, a shipping firm run by the Gokal family. Gulf banked with BCCI since the bank's foundation in 1972. Five years later Gulf had $80 million debts and was in deep trouble. Mr Naqvi realised Gulf's failure would threaten BCCI.

So he kept the company afloat by manipulating funds to make it seem as if it was repaying its loans. BCCI even settled Gulf's other debts to prevent other banks from forcing the company into liquidation. By the end of last year, Gulf owed the bank $1.12 billion including unpaid interest. Little of this will ever be recovered.

A large part of the remaining bad debts were BCCI's false loans to Middle East businessmen, as part of its secret takeover of First American Bankshares, codenamed WXYZ in the report. In all, BCCI amassed a bad debt book of $3.06 billion which in May was transferred to Sheikh Zayed's control.

The funds needed to conceal these bad debts were partly provided by unrecorded deposits. The main depositor, codenamed Tumbleweed, was the Faisal Islamic Bank of Egypt, which is owed $358 million of the $600 million which has been uncovered.

The treasury was the other main area of BCCI's deceit. While it carried out normal customer transactions, managers operated "number two" accounts with deals booked in the name of A R Khalil, but in reality BCCI was trading and incurring losses estimated at $849 million, but could amount to billions.

☐ Accountants and lawyers for some BCCI depositors have demanded a detailed aid package and a new bank in its place. They want "a new world banking order" spearheaded by America and Britain to prevent more scandals.

☐ In Dubai, the newly named Union National Bank (UNB) will try to take on some regional operations of BCCI, its disgraced parent. BCCI's subsidiary in the United Arab Emirates, BCC Emirates, changed its name to UNB to disassociate itself from BCCI.

CBI reports sharpest fall for ten years

Pay awards in manufacturing tumble to 6.5%

By Ross Tieman, Industrial Correspondent

PAY awards in manufacturing industry are down sharply at 6.5 per cent in the second quarter compared with 8.1 per cent in the previous three months, according to a survey by the Confederation of British Industry, out today.

One in seven manufacturers have imposed a pay freeze for up to six months, the survey adds. In industry generally, pay settlements are falling sharply, but average awards continue to outpace inflation.

Three surveys published today show growing success among companies in holding down pay levels.

The studies also show widening disparities between settlements, suggesting that companies are agreeing more deals related to their commercial circumstances. The most bullish picture is drawn by the CBI, which that says provisional figures from its pay databank show the sharpest drop for ten years in manufacturing settlements.

The CBI says awards in manufacturing averaged 6.5 per cent in the second quarter, against 8.1 per cent in the three months to end-March.

Settlements by British manufacturers are now lower than in Germany, where awards averaged 6.6 per cent in the second quarter. The CBI says this is a "remarkable development", but cautions that unit labour costs are still growing too fast. Richard Price, deputy director general, says year-on-year unit labour costs in British manufacturing rose 6.4 per cent, compared with averages of 2 per cent in Germany and America.

The surveys will offer encouragement to Norman Lamont, the Chancellor, in his efforts to reduce inflation further and improve Britain's competitiveness. But they provide scant comfort for employees struggling to repair the erosion in the value of their pay packets.

Figures from Industrial Relations Services (IRS) and Incomes Data Services (IDS) for the economy as a whole, however, suggest that average awards are higher. IRS says the median level of settlements during the second quarter was 7.9 per cent, down 1.7 per cent from last year's peak, but still well above inflation of 5.8 per cent in the year to June, as measured by the retail prices index.

An analysis of July settlements by IDS shows that nearly two-thirds of deals were between 6 and 8.9 per cent. In June, the same proportion of settlements were between 7 and 9.9 per cent.

According to IDS, the range of settlements, with wide discrepancies between industries, suggests that the concept of a national "going rate" has all but disappeared.

Researchers at IDS and IRS believe the average settlement will continue to decline as bargainers react to falling inflation, unemployment, and continuing recession.

Building industry faces huge job cuts

By Our Industrial Correspondent

A QUARTER of a million construction workers are likely to lose their jobs during the recession, according to forecasts from the Building Employers Confederation.

Job losses have been heavier than expected. That, combined with the absence of signs of an upturn, has prompted the confederation to increase by 100,000 its predictions of job losses.

The grim outlook for the construction industry is underlined by a survey by the Federation of Master Builders, which reveals that a quarter of its 20,400 members are making employees redundant.

Using official statistics, the BEC calculates that 150,000 construction jobs have been lost since the middle of last year. The federation predicts a further 100,000 will be lost by the middle of next year.

John Smith, chairman of the BEC, said training was also being cut sharply. The BEC's latest state of trade enquiry, published today, shows no sign of a recovery in the industry's prospects. Although output and enquiries show modest increases in the second quarter, there has been little change in the level of work in hand.

National contractors report that they have only nine to twelve months' work in hand, while smaller firms say they have little more than three months' work. There was no sign that six half-point cuts in interest rates, to 11 per cent, had improved the outlook.

Mr Smith said: "We need a further cut in base rates by at least one point to restore growth and confidence as soon as possible."

His call was echoed by Dennis Maiden, director general of the Federation of Master Builders, who said: "It is imperative that the government acts now. Department of the environment statistics show that construction output during the first quarter was 8 per cent lower than the same quarter a year ago."

According to the BEC survey, only one firm in ten among its 9,500 members, who together account for 75 per cent of Britain's private building industry output, was working at full capacity.

The FMB said the downturn had spread to all regions, and few firms foresaw any immediate improvement.



Poring over the books: Lord Justice Bingham faces a mountain of evidence

Weighty task for Bingham

By Our Banking Correspondent

IF YOU have ever struggled through the amount of paperwork that your bank account produces in ten years, spare a thought for Lord Justice Bingham. This week, he begins his enquiry into the Bank of Credit and Commerce International, and will have to cope with details of the bank's 1.25 million customers worldwide, and much more besides.

The enquiry will try to decide whether this complex bank was properly regulated. Politicians, BCCI employees and depositors have all been quick to criticise the handling of the affair by the Bank of England and Price Waterhouse, the accountant, and are all expecting the judge to condemn them roundly.

The enquiry will rest on Price Waterhouse's section 41 report into the fraud. The Labour party is still accusing the government of a cover-up after the decision to hold the enquiry hearings in private. But this should allow some of the enquiry's illustrious witnesses, including Robin Leigh-Pemberton, the Bank Governor, Norman Lamont, the Chancellor, and possibly John Major, the prime minister, to reveal how much they were told about BCCI's activities before the closure.

The bank has already been convicted of laundering drug money and has been connected with security services, including the CIA, and has held deposits for General Noriega of Panama.

Approval for £300m gas plant

PLANS for a £300 million expansion of a North Sea gas processing plant in Scotland have been given the go-ahead, creating about 700 jobs.

Work is expected to begin at St Fergus, near Peterhead, Grampian, this summer. The plant should be completed in 1994 and will handle up to 20 per cent of the UK's average daily gas requirement.

The first phase, known as the Scottish Area Gas Evacuation system, is already under construction, at a cost of £310 million, and is on target to start operating in October next year.

Planning permission for expansion on the existing 86-acre site was granted to Mobil North Sea by Banff and Buchan council.

The City outstrips Europeans

By Neil Bennett
Banking Correspondent

LONDON is challenging New York to become the world's second largest equity investment centre, and increased its dominance of the European asset management industry in the past year.

The success of the City's fund managers is revealed in a new report by Technimetrics, the investor relations researcher. This shows London now manages $410 billion in shares, up 12 per cent in a year and 46 per cent on 1989.

London's equity investment funds are only $11 billion smaller than New York's, and Technimetrics believes the two are now neck and neck. "London's performance has been spectacular, and I suspect it must be almost level pegging with New York," said Fred Stone, Technimetrics' international vice-president.

Mr Stone attributed the rise in the City's funds to its expertise in foreign equities, while New York managers have tended to confine themselves to American markets. North American cities as a whole have fared badly in equity investment. In 1989, there were six in the top ten. This year, there are four. But the report shows that Tokyo still far outstrips its American and European rivals. Its investment houses manage $1,812 billion in shares, two and a half times the value of New York and London.

Rank	City	1991 ($bn)	1990 ($bn)
1 (1)	Tokyo	1,812.2	2,192.3
2 (2)	New York	421.2	406.8
3 (3)	London	409.7	385.3
4 (4)	Geneva	265.9	283.4
5 (5)	Zurich	247.4	257.1
6 (6)	Boston	164.9	176.5
7 (9)	Paris	142.0	81.3
8 (11)	Frankfurt	121.8	73.2
9 (7)	S Francisco	98.1	112.4
10 (8)	Toronto	82.8	85.8
11 (10)	Philadelphia	75.8	79.2
12 (12)	L Angeles	74.4	72.7
13 (14)	Edinburgh	69.0	62.5
14 (13)	Chicago	58.2	67.8
15 (16)	Basle	52.3	51.7

The effect of last year's slump in the Tokyo stock market is clear. The city's investment portfolios have shrunk by $380 billion in the past year, more than the total value of the equities under management in both Paris and Frankfurt.

Technimetrics' report also shows the success of Edinburgh, Britain's second largest investment centre. This moved up a position in the world rankings to 13th, with $69 billion under management. In 1989, Edinburgh was 16th, and has now moved ahead of rivals including Chicago, Basle and Montreal.

The report also shows that the attempts by financial centres in continental Europe to expand their business have failed to halt London's advance. The City's closest rivals are Geneva with $266 billion under management and Zurich with $247 billion. Both suffered falls in their assets of more than 4 per cent over the past year.

Fund managers in other countries have been held back by their inexperience in equity investment. Managers in Paris and Frankfurt, for example, who rank only 7th and 8th in the international league of equity investors, have traditionally invested a larger proportion of funds in property and fixed income.

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TVS expected to confirm £55m bid for franchise

By MELINDA WITTSTOCK, MEDIA CORRESPONDENT

TVS Entertainment is expected to confirm, in a shareholder circular today, reports that it has submitted a £55 million cash bid to retain its independent television licence in the Channel 3 auction.

The company, seeking shareholder approval for a £30 million financial restructuring that will bring in as new shareholders Time Warner, the American media conglomerate, and Associated Newspapers, owner of *The Daily Mail*, has been forced by the London Stock Exchange to reveal the size of its bid.

Shareholders must be provided with all relevant facts before voting on the refinancing package, which will not be completed unless TVS retains its franchise.

TVS, originally seen as the most vulnerable incumbent in the Channel 3 auction, is understood to have outbid its three rivals for the South and Southeast franchise by about £20 million, prompting fears in the past few weeks that its bid is too high to live up to programme quality promises and obligations.

A TVS spokesman insisted yesterday that the company's business plan showed such a high bid could be sustained. The spokesman said: "We would not have been able to get Time Warner and Associated to buy into the company if they were not convinced they could make some money."

In addition to the £55 million index-linked annual payments during the ten-year life of the licence, TVS must pay 11 per cent of its advertising revenue to the Treasury, bringing the total bill to about £75 million a year.

With real growth in television advertising revenue estimated at 2 per cent a year between 1993, when the new licence begins, and 2002, TVS will not report a profit for at least six years with a bid of £55 million. The Independent Television Commission (ITC) must decide whether TVS has overbid to the point that programme quality is endangered.

Although TVS has clearly submitted the highest cash bid in the auction, which is ultimately determined by numbers in an envelope, the company could still be eliminated from the race if the ITC concludes that TVS can neither meet strict quality regulations nor sustain its payments to the Treasury.

Meridian, Richard Branson's CPV-TV and Carlton Communications, TVS's rivals, are believed likely to press for a judicial review should the ITC award the licence to TVS. The challengers believe TVS has grossly overbid.

Details of the financial restructuring are provided in the circular, which was posted to shareholders on Saturday.



Outspoken opponent: Edith Cresson wants barriers

EC car plants face threat on two fronts

From OUR CORRESPONDENT IN BRUSSELS

THE European Community and Japan have agreed that the Japanese share of the EC car market should grow by expansion at "transplant" factories and restricting direct shipments until full liberalization in the year 2000.

A deal has been reached to raise Japan's share of the EC car market from 11 per cent now to 17 per cent by the end of the century, which could cause European job losses.

The threat may not come from Japanese "transplant" factories, such as Nissan's at Sunderland, or even from exports of Japanese cars made in America or Asia but from imports from the former Eastern bloc countries.

The disaster lobby is led by Jacques Calvet, the outspoken chief of Peugeot, the French car maker, who has campaigned for Japanese car quotas in the EC to remain as they are until 2003. Edith Cresson, France's prime minister, is just as outspoken, and has vowed to keep France's barriers up against Japanese cars, wherever they are made.

Mme Cresson is now playing for time. She knows Japan would not aggressively attack the French market now, where it only has 4.2 per cent of the market. In Italy, Japanese cars have just 1 per cent and here Japanese discretion is also expected.

One Commission official said last week: "Even without a legal or political obligation, it is a matter of common sense. The Japanese know that if they target, say, the Italian market and make 30,000 Fiat workers redundant, they will destroy the 'good European' image they have been at pains to build up."

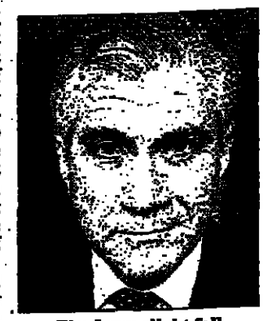
But the truth for EC car plants, however unpalateable, is that jobs will probably be lost either if Japanese market share increases significantly or if European makers hit back by making cars elsewhere, mainly in east Europe, to save on the high EC wage and social security costs.

REPORTING THIS WEEK

War and recession likely to push BA into loss

BRITISH Airways is expected to slump to a loss in the first quarter, reflecting the effects of the recession and the Gulf war. Mark McVicar, an analyst at County NatWest, forecasts a pre-tax loss of £10 million, against like-for-like profits of £117 million. Last time's result of £159 million included profits from aircraft sales. Market forecasts range from breakeven to losses of £20 million.

The recession in Britain and America, as well as greater competition, will have a big impact on the results. The first quarter is traditionally an important contributor to profits at BA, but the aftermath of the Gulf war has depressed volumes and prices. BA is expected to sound a note of caution on future trading when it reports on Wednesday.



Giordano: slight fall



Vallance: rise forecast

TODAY

BBA Group, the automotive, industrial and aviation group, is expected to report a decline in interim pre-tax profits to £25 million (£46.1 million), according to Sandy Morris at County NatWest. Market forecasts range from £23 million to £26 million. Earnings per share are expected to fall to 4p (9.6p), although the interim dividend will be maintained at 2.25p, as forecast at the time of the £79 million rights issue in May.

Interims: BBA Group, Bensons Crisps, Edinburgh Oil & Gas, Transport Development Group.
Finals: None announced.

TOMORROW

Bad debts are again expected to have a big impact on first-half taxable profits at **National Westminster**, the last of the big four banks to report. Alison Deuchars, at Smith New Court, is looking for pre-tax profits of about £50 million, against £431 million last time. Market forecasts range from breakeven to £60 million.

Interims: Admiral, Batavia Fund, Gold Fields Property Co, Law Debenture Corporation, Metal Bulletin, National Westminster Bank, Sumit, TR Pacific Investment Trust, Vogelstruisbult Metal Holdings, Whitbread Leisure.
Finals: Aitken Hume International, Lebowa Platinum Mines, New Wits Ltd, Rustenburg Platinum Holdings, Scottish Cities Investment Trust, Scottish and Mercantile Investment Trust.

WEDNESDAY

Commercial Union begins the interim reporting season for the composite insurers. Alan Nichols, an analyst at James Capel, predicts a first-half pre-tax loss of £26 million, compared with a profit of £16 million last time, although the interim dividend should be maintained. Market forecasts are for losses ranging between £20 million and £40 million.

Smith New Court has pencilled in first-half pre-tax profits of £72 million (£110 million) for **Standard Chartered**. This is towards the top end of market forecasts, ranging from £40 million to £80 million, depending on bad debt provisions.

Interims: Anabacher (Henry), Brabant Resources, British Airways, Commercial Union, Conroy Petroleum and Natural Resources, GKN, Heywood Williams, Ranger Oil, Rayon Group, Rotork, Simon Engineering, Standard Chartered, Wickes.
Finals: Beales Hunter, Mid Wynd International Investment Trust, Property Security Investment Trust, Resort Hotels, Zetters Group.
Economic statistics: Overseas travel and tourism (May), advance energy statistics (June), details of employment, unemployment, earnings, prices and other indicators.

THURSDAY

Martin Evans, at **Hoare Govett**, expects **BOC Group**, the industrial gases and healthcare group chaired by Richard Giordano, to report a 3 per cent fall in third-quarter profits to £85 million (£88 million), making £235 million (£258 million) for the first nine months, a decline of 9 per cent. The industrial gases division, which accounts for about 70 per cent of profits, remains stable.

A stronger oil price in the second quarter will be reflected in higher historic cost net income for both **British Petroleum** and **Shell Transport and Trading**. Fergus MacLeod, at County, expects Shell to report second-quarter net income of £650 million (£563 million) on a historic cost basis and £655 million (£745 million) on a replacement cost basis. County expects BP to make second-quarter net income of £210 million (£53 million) on an historic cost basis and £260 million (£284 million) on a replacement cost basis.

British Telecom, chaired by Iain Vallance, is expected to ring up first-quarter pre-tax profits of £800 million (£741 million), according to UBS Phillips & Drew. Market forecasts range from £780 million to £820 million.

Smith New Court forecasts a 6 per cent decline in interim pre-tax profits to £58.5 million at **Smith & Nephew**, the healthcare and consumer products group.

Interims: Anglo & Overseas Trust, BOC Group (third quarter), British Petroleum, British Telecom (first quarter), Jacobs (John I), Kinta Kellas Investments, Kleinwort Benson Group, Kode International, Renown Inc, Royal Dutch Petroleum, Shell Transport and Trading, SKF (AB), Smith & Nephew, Thornton Pan-European Investment Trust, Trans-Natal Coal Corporation, WPP Group.
Finals: Firth (GM) Holdings, TR City of London Trust.

FRIDAY

Unilever, the Anglo-Dutch food and consumer products group, is expected to unveil interim pre-tax profits of £462 million (£479 million), according to Kleinwort Benson Securities. Market forecasts range from £448 million to £490 million.

Interims: Ayrshire Metal Products, Beta Global Emerging Markets Investment Trust, Elkem AS, Unilever.
Finals: West Trust, Wholesale Fittings.

PHILIP PANGALOS

Pandolfi against the clock

From TOM WALKER IN BRUSSELS

TIME is running out in the European Commission's bid to impose a high definition television (HDTV) standard on Europe's broadcasters.

Filippo Pandolfi, the Italian commissioner, is trying to persuade Europe's satellite broadcasters to abandon their PAL transmission standard and adopt a new standard, called D2-MAC, which enables 35mm films to be broadcast full-screen, rather than with black at the top and bottom of the screen, and with CD sound quality.

Because the only MAC technology appearance in the marketplace so far, with British Satellite Broadcasting, was a failure, broadcasters are wary of trying to foist it on the public again. Signor Pandolfi is left trying to reconcile enthusiastic television manufacturers, some of whom have invested heavily in MAC, and reluctant broadcasters, sensitive to the market's wishes.

Under his original proposals, Signor Pandolfi offered the broadcasters Ecu500 million over the next five years to help them "simulcast" in D2-MAC and PAL. But no amount of money, it seems, will draw the broadcasters to the negotiating table. Signor Pandolfi subsequently offered Ecu750 million, and HDTV sources in Brussels now say that this may be increased to Ecu1 billion.

The commissioner was meant to see broadcasters yesterday but the meeting was cancelled, because of "logistical difficulties due to the holiday period", according to Signor Panadolfi's directorate, but, according to HDTV sources, because of the broadcasters' refusal to be bought into a deal.

Countries, such as Britain, with no major television makers, argue that the failure of one of the satellite channels shows that the market should be left to determine the future of HDTV. The broadcasters say this market-led approach can be accommodated in the Pandolfi proposals, which also stipulate that all mid-size and large televisions sold after January 1, 1993, be equipped with D2-MAC decoders. The broadcasters, however, don't want any obligation to transmit programs in D2-MAC.

France, however, anxious to save loss-making companies such as Thomson, a television manufacturer, says the commission should impose a cut-off date for PAL broadcasts.

The commission has so far managed to keep Japanese HDTV technology at the door, through its adherence to MAC technology, patented by Thomson and Philips of The Netherlands. The broadcasters say they, too, want Europeans to watch the television of the future on sets made in Europe, but they want the commission to back the correct standard.

As the debate stands at the moment, the half-way house of D2-MAC is seen as a wasteful experiment that dupes the consumer – and even full-blown HD-MAC might be a false horizon.

Hong Kong split by small screen battle

From LULU YU IN HONG KONG

A CORPORATE television drama is shaping up in Hong Kong, pitching two of the colony's richest families against each other for a share of the lucrative broadcasting market.

Li Ka-shing, the Hutchison Whampoa chief, has the upper hand, having launched satellite services in Hong Kong and the region this year.

But Peter Woo, head of Wharf Holdings and the aggressive son-in-law of the tycoon Sir Y K Pao, refuses to give up, despite the demise last November of a cable TV venture he had led. Mr Woo is determined to revive a cable network bid, saying he plans to invest HK$5 billion (£373 million) in the project.

Hong Kong Cable Communications, the former consortium, outbid Hutchison and won the exclusive cable contract in 1989, thinking it would be protected against competition from satellite TV.

It collapsed because the government gave the green light to satellite services and because the partners, including Sun Hung Kai Properties, US West and Sir Run Run Shaw's Shaw Brothers film company, were in dispute.

If the government accepts Mr Woo's proposal to start broadcasting with microwave transmissions, followed by the construction of a fibre optic system, Mr Li's satellite network will have a fierce rival.

HutchVision, Hutchison's satellite subsidiary headed by Mr Li's son Richard, is not without problems, although at least it has been up and running since April.

Restricted by tough licensing conditions designed to protect cable TV interests, HutchVision's Star TV is not allowed to broadcast in Cantonese, despite Hong Kong's 97 per cent Chinese population, for the first three years of its operations.

The Li family hoped the condition would be lifted after the cable venture failed last year, but the government refuses to back down.



Pandolfi: reconciling sides

SMALLER COMPANIES

Close is prospering in recession

THE mightier they are in the banking sector, the heavier they have fallen. But at the other end of the scale are smaller, specialist banks that have weathered the recession remarkably well, and are even using adverse market conditions to their advantage.

Close Brothers, the City merchant bank, has been particularly active in recent months, buying niche businesses from larger entities.

Its latest deal was the acquisition of Security Pacific Business Finance for £700,000, equal to net asset value at completion, through its debt factoring subsidiary Century.

Factoring has had an unhappy time, and Security Pacific, which has larger fish to fry, had obviously had enough. Close Brothers has bought at the bottom of the market, however, and will reap the full benefit of an upturn. While Century specialises in with-recourse debt factoring, SPBF specialises in non-recourse debt factoring, and there is little overlap between the two businesses.

This was Close Brothers' *fourth corporate move this* year. The action began in January with the acquisition of a car finance company from Berisford International for a discount on net assets of £3.9 million.

In March, the bank expanded its American-based insurance premium financing subsidiary through the acquisition of a competitor's business book.

April saw the recruitment of a team of experts in tax sheltered investment products.

Despite this activity, Close Brothers has maintained its cash balances at about £25 million. The company increased pre-tax profits from £10.4 million to £12.06 million last year. A modest increase to about £12.3 million is expected for the year to end-July. The shares, however, are locked at a 12-month low of 225p in a thin market. A re-rating cannot be far away.

MARTIN BARROW

CAPITAL MARKETS

Beware of false dawn in the Pubco corporate bond deal

THE publicity surrounding Kleinwort Benson's eye-catching Pubco deal last week concentrated on the possibility that the debenture will herald a revival of the sterling corporate bond market.

Well, maybe. Several small-scale flurries of corporate bond issues have come and gone since inflation was brought under control in the *early Eighties*. Admittedly, they marked a resurgence from the slough into which the corporate bond sector had fallen during the previous decade, but the recoveries were rarely sustained.

In any case, the investor *flight to quality* that followed the Kuwait invasion a year ago effectively snuffed out the ambitions of all but the highest rated company to raise fixed rate finance on the capital markets.

Nevertheless, the Pubco deal, which was well received in the markets, marked a welcome burst of innovation. In basic terms, the structure allows four small brewers – Daniel Thwaites, Greene King, Morland and Shepherd Neame, three quoted and one privately owned – access to relatively low-cost, fixed-rate money over *15* years by pooling the companies' assets in one jointly owned issuing company.

The coupon, at 1.4 per cent over the gilt, is not a huge saving on bank borrowings, but has obvious advantages in terms of the maturity and fixed cost. Only Greene King, of the four, is realistically large enough to issue a debenture in its own right, but to make it worthwhile, would have had to borrow at least £50 million, far more than it needs.

The covenants and security have been kept as simple as possible and differ little from those on a conventional debenture. There are no cross guarantees, so a default by one company only puts the amount that it has borrowed at risk.

So, should finance directors of other small company pick up the telephones to their City advisers this morning to try to set up similar deals? Unfortunately, the opportunities are likely to be strictly limited. The companies involved must be involved in the same *industry, and must be heavily* backed by long-term assets.

One obvious set of contenders is the water companies. But their large size and voracious capital requirements mean that there is no requirement to club together to borrow from the capital markets. Another possibility in normal economic conditions would be the construction sector. But at the depths of the worst recession the industry has faced since the war, it is unlikely any investors could be persuaded to take the paper.

Even if these difficulties limit the wider use of the Pubco vehicle, any developments that enable smaller companies to borrow from the capital markets should be encouraged. If ever there was a time when the middle market of British companies needed to reduce its dependence on the banks, it is now.

JONATHAN PRYNN

UNLISTED SECURITIES

Capitalization £	Company	Price last Friday	Ch'ge on week	Gross div pence	Div Yld %	P/E
——	ASB Bamett	..	..	f ..	..	..
22.5m	ASD	78	..	..	..	5.4
1,765,000	ATA Selection	11	..	1.3p	11.8	..
1,985,000	Abacus Group	2	..	..	..	..
7,995,000	Aberdeen Plt	15½	..	..	..	20.9
2,550,000	Aberdeen Stk Hse	21	..	..	..	28.6
19.2m	Acal	195	+5	7.2	3.7	9.8
8,631,000	Acorn Comp	19	..	..	..	..
17.4m	Alan Paul	91	..	4.5	4.9	6.8
1,328,000	Albrighton	21	+3	..	..	..
29.8m	Allen	138	+5	6.5	4.8	8.2
1,795,000	Amberley Gp	27	+1	2.0	7.4	13.2
18.0m	Anglo Pac Res	13	-1	..	..	..
1,622,000	Apollo Watch Prods	3	..	..	..	3.3
13.2m	App Holographics	88	..	..	..	..
30.6m	Ashtead	135	+5	5.6p	4.1	9.4
18.8m	Aspen Comms	125	+5	10.5p	8.8	5.9
209.2m	Asprey	263	..	8.5	2.5	14.2
692,000	Assoc Energy	2½	..	..	..	..
2,187,000	Assoc Ferries	2051	..	..	..	..
3,978,000	Assoc Nursing	78	-5	4.0	5.5	8.4
——	Atlantic Sec	..	..	f ..	..	..
61.4m	Atlas Equipment	780	-5	36.0	5.4	17.3
——	Audit Clearnet	..	..	0.41	..	..
1,758,000	Autocraft	31	-2	1.9	6.1	8.3
1,342,000	BBB Design	15	-1	2.5p	18.7	2.7
1,979,000	BCE	8	..	..	..	..
2,145,000	BLP Group	7	..	1.7	24.7	..
8,195,000	BWD	91	-1	2.7	3.8	17.8
2,998,000	Beaverco	34	+2	0.8p	2.4	9.4
12.0m	Beckenham	27	+1	1.5	4.8	3.4
1,200,000	Bedford (William)	9	..	..	..	..
19.2m	Bensons Crisps	138	..	3.7	2.7	10.8
3,466,000	Berry Birch & Noble	55	..	2.0	3.6	10.1
60.0m	Better Call Prods	363	+14	8.2	2.3	46.0
2,900,000	Bibbon&Betterson	70	..	4.0	5.7	14.0
6,000,000	Bio Isolates	28	..	..	..	14.1
22.0m	Bioglan	7½	..	0.1	1.3	81.3
3,084,000	Blackwood Motors	103	..	10.5	10.2	7.1
3,321,000	Bluebird Toys	42	..	..	..	8.8
6,000,000	Border TV	48½	+½	2.3	5.7	6.8
363.5m	Borland	332½	-½	..	..	..
19.0m	Bramdean Intl	172	-2	6.5	4.9	8.5
1,546,000	Br Bloodstock	43	..	..	..	..
2,761,000	Br Thornton	15	..	..	..	..
5,618,000	Bula Resources	2	..	..	..	..
8,048,000	Burgess Tech	47	..	2.0	4.3	17.0
——	CCS Gp	..	..	..	..	..
24.8m	CML Micro	201	+2	3.9	1.9	11.4
3,277,000	CPU Group	16	+1	..	..	..
16.4m	Cap & Regional	178	..	1.2	1.1	..
28.3m	Capita Gp	221	+7	7.5	3.3	16.5
10.2m	Carron Phoenix	93	..	1.8	2.0	76.9
2,852,000	Cassidy Bros	69	+1	2.0	2.9	12.3
13.6m	Castle Comm	218	..	11.3	5.5	9.1
14.4m	Central Motor	108	+5	4.7	4.4	10.4
3,883,000	Chartwell	68	-1	1.0	1.8	5.3
1,978,000	Chelsea Man	103	..	..	..	..
8,038,000	Chisholm Group	108	..	6.1	5.8	14.0
——	City & West	..	..	..	..	..
3,488,000	City of Lon	46	+1	4.1	9.1	7.3
9,064,000	Clarke Foods	68	..	2.7	5.1	10.5
9,918,000	Clarke Hooper	48	+2	5.9	12.8	5.7
888,000	Clearsmith	22	-1	..	..	..
9,400,000	Cleveland Ind	10	+1½	..	..	..
22.0m	Colourvision	109	-5	7.5	8.9	8.7
1,047,000	Co of Designers	6	..	0.5	5.0	..
1,200,000	Cosalt	18	..	..	..	..
2,537,000	Cromarty Pet	78	..	..	..	..
8,144,000	Crosbie Homecare	21	-2	0.3	1.4	10.1
8,722,000	Handley Walker	138	..	10.7	8.0	9.0
2,537,000	Harmony Leisure	11	-1	..	..	..
6,854,000	Hamilton Leslie	3½	..	..	..	..
4,488,000	Hawtree	200	-3	4.1	2.1	25.1
2,806,000	Gp 'A' LV	145	-15	4.1	2.8	16.2
1,228,000	Heritage	25	..	..	..	..
2,782,000	Hey & Croft	28	..	..	..	..
1,457,000	Hilsons	54	..	1.7	3.3	9.3
3,000,000	Hobson	7½	+½	..	..	..
2,277,000	Holdem Tech	78	-2	8.0	11.0	8.9
2,436,000	Honeysuckle Gp	30	..	..	..	..
15.0m	Hornby	199	+5	10.0	5.2	8.6
——	Hughes Food	..	..	..	..	..
19.2m	Hunsleigh Tech	228	+1	4.0	1.8	16.0
3,507,000	IMSTEM	78	..	4.8	4.9	8.5
14.9m	Incon	7¼	..	..	..	..
12.7m	Intercare	85	-2	2.3	2.7	22.0
40.1m	Interlink Express	247	..	11.2	4.5	10.2
6,791,000	Int Comm & Data	14	-½	..	..	6.3
4,580,000	Int Media	2	..	..	..	..
11.9m	Int Resort	36	..	..	..	8.0
2,128,000	JMD Group	2	..	..	..	..
960,000	Kemp (PE)	6	..	..	..	..
6,344,000	Kenmare Res	94	..	..	..	..
25.3m	Kewill Systems	264	-4	6.7	2.5	8.5
4,293,000	LPA Ind	47	+1	4.7	10.0	8.1
14.0m	Lambert	200	+5	15.0	8.0	7.2
3,221,000	Lazer-Scan	20	..	..	..	4.2
7,222,000	Leeds Pb	82	..	0.5	1.0	..
1,658,000	Lomir	38	..	0.5	2.5	9.0
4,825,000	Linost	68	..	8.8	9.5	6.0
403,000	Lincoln Hse	2½	..	..	..	0.6
13.6m	Lon & Clydesdale	150	..	9.5	6.0	6.6
122.0m	Lon Forfaiting	178	+1	7.2	4.0	25.1
8,780,000	MMT Comp	78	..	4.5	5.7	7.5
30.8m	MTL Instruments	178	-5	3.7	2.1	12.0
10.2m	Magnetic Materials	56	+1	4.0	7.1	9.5
——	Marsh Gp	..	..	..	..	..
8,992,000	Mayborn	46	..	3.1	11.1	7.4
36.2m	Melvior-Smith	264	+38	5.7	3.7	11.2
——	Merchant Maint Est	..	..	..	..	..
25.0m	Merrydown Wine	203	..	8.5	2.3	17.4
18.4m	Metal Bulletin	178	+3	8.2	5.1	15.7
23.8m	Metsec	151	-10	8.5	8.0	8.8
30.0m	Micanite	98	..	10.5	10.7	10.8
7,995,000	Microvitec	13	-½	0.4	3.1	..
15.8m	Midland Scot Res	98	+5	..	..	..
2,859,000	Miletin Gp	78	..	2.5	19.2	3.0
5,717,000	Morris Ashby	78	-1	2.5	3.2	10.0
17.1m	Monet	8	..	..	..	20.0
12.8m	New England Props	13	..	..	..	11.4
270,000	Oo 10%	100	..	10.0	11.1	..
2,268,000	Nichols	94	..	2.8	3.0	8.5
11.2m	Northumbrian Fire	46	..	2.3	4.8	..
6,215,000	Osborne & Little	68	..	2.5	3.6	9.0
8,038,000	PCT	108	..	1.5	1.5	12.3
5,464,000	Paper Systems	78	..	..	..	..
2,680,000	Parasound	6	..	..	..	10.5
1,810,000	Pathfinders	4	-½	..	..	20.5
8,744,000	Pegasus	195	..	18.1	10.4	5.5
14.8m	Penna	307	..	15.0	4.9	10.7
24.5m	Pepe Group	91	+4	5.5	5.9	8.6
40.8m	Pict Pet	111	-1	..	..	17.5
2,490,000	Pressac	54	..	4.5	8.3	17.9
2,683,000	Pilsan	28	..	..	..	..
3,454,000	Ports Gp	45	..	0.4	0.9	..
17.0m	Portwell	85	-2	4.0	4.7	7.2
5,440,000	Prism Leisure	138	..	6.6	4.8	11.5
8,082,000	Property Trust	6½	..	..	..	..
8,092,000	Psion	41	..	2.2	7.8	41.8
2,508,000	Quadrant	227	..	11.0	4.8	20.8
2,508,000	RMT Gp	5½	..	..	..	..
14.8m	Radio Clyde	268	..	11.0	4.1	13.0
12.7m	Radius	47	-1	3.5	7.5	7.5
10.0m	Renco Oil	83	-3	2.7	4.8	15.4
5,140,000	Resgen	43	+1	..	..	..
18.4m	Rathbone Bros	238	..	10.7	4.5	11.4
2,782,000	Rest Time Control	83	+11	4.0	4.8	7.8
641,000	Regal Hotels	6	-1	7.8	..	..
1,883,000	Regina Health	1¾	..	..	..	..
28.1m	Reliance Sec	238	+1	11.2	4.7	12.3
1,682,000	Remploy	13	..	..	..	..
8,000,000	Rhino	80	..	..	..	21.3
53.4m	Resort Hotels	80	+4	4.3p	5.4	10.0
11.8m	RPE Group	86	..	4.3	4.3	10.5
8,419,000	SEP Ind	10	-1	..	..	3.9
——	SPS Consultancy	..	..	..	..	..
825,000	Sandell	55	..	..	..	..
13.3m	Savage	95	..	..	..	..
7,178,000	Scot Herbable	25	+½	2.0	10.0	..
8,908,000	Beacon	168	..	4.7	4.7	7.2
15.0m	Sec Advisers	202	..	10.7	5.1	17.4
1,291,000	Select App	28	..	..	..	..
4,948,000	Serif Cosells	38	..	2.7	10.5	7.5
8,996,000	Severfield-Reeve	88	..	4.6	6.7	8.5
4,139,000	Sheldon James	80	..	4.5	6.8	8.8
2,100,000	Shelton (Hertin)	40	..	2.5	6.8	8.5
4,815,000	Sheriff Hidge	78	-1	2.7	3.9	8.5
6,964,000	Sherwood Comp	116	..	7.0	6.0	6.5
88.0m	Sherwood Group	202	..	12.1	7.5	12.5
2,845,000	Sborco	78	-3	4.0	5.8	5.9
3,300,000	Soundtracks	38	..	..	..	5.3
34.2m	Spandex	230	+2	7.5	3.2	13.1
8,101,000	Spectralenvy	81	-1½	..	..	..
1,547,000	Stainless Metal	41	..	1.3p	4.8	..
68.0m	Stanhope Props	141	..	0.1	0.0	0.0
8,801,000	Sterling Pub	82	+3	3.7	4.5	8.8
8,667,000	Sterling Tst	27	..	2.7	8.0	5.8
5,955,000	Sunleigh Elect	84	+7	..	..	5.8
34.1m	Sutherland	84	+7	2.4	3.4	10.3
5,607,000	Symons Comp	101	..	4.5	4.5	..
540,000	TDS Circuits	34	..	..	..	10.6
4,405,000	TLS Range	78	..	2.1	2.5	8.8
32.7m	TMD Advert	226	..	6.4	2.5	15.8
73.7m	TV-am	111	-7	10.7	16.8	4.5
8,997,000	Tarsco	17	..	..	..	8.7
5,119,000	Tawley (Elec)	77	..	5.0	9.7	5.8
7,978,000	Thos	88	..	4.0	5.0	12.8
3,000,000	Torex Hire	88	+1	..	..	8.6
1,600,000	Total Systems	45	..	..	..	20.5
1,393,000	Transvold	1½	..	..	..	..
12.4m	Transworld	112	-6	..	..	..
7,166,000	Treasi	78	..	4.8	5.7	10.4
10.0m	Trenchemood	28	..	..	..	..
3,634,000	Trevlan Hidge	83	..	..	..	2.9
5,000,000	Trifco	10	..	..	..	..
7,313,000	Tussler Edgin	1½	+½	..	..	4.7
1,864,000	Tudor	28	+2	5.8	10.9	10.0
3,434,000	Unit Group	84	-16	4.0	4.8	8.2
2,488,000	Usher (Frank)	38	..	5.0	17.3	8.2
893,000	Ventana Plant	4	..	..	..	..
3,474,000	VTR Plc	48	-16	4.3	10.0	4.3
13.8m	Vistec	117	+5	..	..	..
5,000,000	Watson	68	..	2.8	5.8	12.2
15.6m	Wentworth	14	..	0.1	0.7	8.2
3,993,000	Wescot	38	..	..	..	21.2
4,239,000	Wessex	3½	..	..	..	..
3,740,000	West Scotland	38	-½	3.7	10.4	10.3
3,998,000	Whitefriars	37	..	..	..	9.4
2,000,000	Whitney Mackay	28	..	1.3	4.6	10.1
3,300,000	Wood John D & Co	38	..	2.5	2.5	..
2,540,000	Wid of Leather	33	..	..	..	..
30.8m	Wyevale	183	+1	2.5	2.2	18.5
10.2m	Wyko	47	-½	3.7	7.9	10.8
4,047,000	XCL Sunrise	2½	..	..	..	..
7,711,000	Xtra-Vision	38	-½	..	..	..
11.0m	Young Group	128	..	6.9	5.5	10.7

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Capitalization £	Company	Price last Friday	Ch'ge on week	Gross div pence	Div Yld %	P/E
696.5m	Alliance	1175	+½	65.5	5.9	34.0
148.5m	Amer Trust	180	+3	6.5	3.6	44.0
319.7m	Ang & Overs	280	+1	8.0	2.9	49.4
18.2m	Anglo Scot Sav Tst	181	..	6.0	3.3	31.8
48.7m	BDW Conv	89½	..	5.0	5.6	21.8
177.0m	Bankers	1114½	+½	24.1	3.6	30.7
6,887,000	Ivy Assets	198	..	24.2	12.2	10.7
555.1m	Br Assets	91½	..	5.5p	6.0	16.5
67.8m	Br Empire Sec	51	-1	3.0	5.9	8.4
1,595,000	Br Vinos	12	..	..	..	..
258.1m	Br Inv	165	+4	9.0	5.5	21.4
105.6m	Bremner	162	..	6.1p	3.8	30.6
50.3m	City & Comm	214½	..	..	..	..
38.1m	Clbid Asset	154	+3	6.0	3.9	..
28.1m	Derby Inc	228	+4	24.2	10.2	9.5
28.1m	Do Cap	188	..	..	..	..
62.4m	Drayton Asia	82	+1	0.9	1.0	90.9
73.1m	Drayton Cons	214	+4	22.7	10.6	12.6
37.2m	Dwnbd Emp Ind	85	..	3.7	4.3	20.2
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Recovering into recession

ECONOMIC VIEW

ANATOLE KALETSKY

Is the economy recovering or isn't it? Before this column is finished, I plan to give my answer, but first some terms must be defined. Last March, when even the Treasury could no longer deny that the economy was in a profound recession, the Chancellor accomplished an extraordinary feat of propaganda. He redefined the objectives of economic policy. Instead of aiming to stabilise the economy, the Chancellor set himself the goal of meeting the Treasury's economic forecasts.

The Treasury made this task extremely easy, albeit distasteful. The March Budget contained the grimmest forecasts that any Chancellor had ever dared to present to the British public. The 1.9 per cent drop in GDP predicted between 1990 and 1991 was admittedly smaller than the 3.2 per cent plunge between the corresponding 12-month periods in the 1979-81 recession, but the Treasury's forecast of a 1.7 per cent annual fall in consumer spending was unprecedented in post-war history. By comparison, the 0.2 per cent decline in the last recession was an imperceptible ripple. These forecasts contained three extremely grim messages: that the recession would continue until the second half of 1991; that it would be even worse than the last one for the general public; and that the Treasury would not lift a finger to stop it. By skilful news management, however, the government deflected attention to an entirely different aspect of the Budget outlook — the question of whether or not a "recovery" would begin in the second half of the year.

This question can be rephrased as follows: will the estimate of seasonally adjusted output-based GDP in the fourth quarter, published by the Central Statistical Office in mid-February next year, be at least 0.1 per cent above the corresponding figure for the previous quarter?

The answer to this purely theoretical conundrum is about as relevant to business planning or economic reality as the solution to this morning's crossword in *The Times*. Yet most of the economic debate in the media, the City and even in parliament suggests that the prediction of a second-half "recovery" is the issue on which the government's entire economic record should stand or fall.

In fact, the question "will there be a recovery this year?" is almost trivially easy to answer. A sequence of six consecutive quarters of declining GDP has never occurred in the post-war history of Britain or any other large industrialised nation. More importantly, some increase in consumer spending has never failed to follow a reduction in interest rates of the magnitude seen in Britain since last October. It seems perfectly safe to predict, therefore, that a "recovery" of sorts will indeed occur in the second half, just as the Chancellor has predicted.

But so what? The ballyhoo about the timing of recovery distracts attention from the infinitely more important questions about the economy's prospects. When will the economy start to grow fast enough to reduce unemployment? Will the recovery run into the same old roadblock that has stopped almost every other economic expansion in Britain, including the last one? This roadblock was not inflation, as the official rewriting of history now suggests, but a sterling crisis precipitated by Britain's incorrigible attachment to an overvalued exchange rate.

The outlook on both these fronts remains grim, even though GDP is likely to start expanding slightly soon.

First, the rate of economic expansion is likely to remain so slow as to be almost imperceptible. There seems to be no prospect of the economy expanding this year at or above its long-term potential growth rate of 2½ per cent or so. This is a more reasonable definition of economic "recovery" than the one used by the Chancellor, but it is one that most British economists, including the ones advising the Labour party, appear to have forgotten.

Second, the structure of the economic revival is unlikely to be healthy. The months ahead will probably see a reversal of the last year's economic pattern. Consumption and services will probably soon start reviving, if only because the belt-tightening among consumers has already been so severe. But the industrial sector, which has been sustained by booming demand in Germany and the unexpected rise of the dollar, will now face stagnant or even declining export markets. The recent euphoria over Britain's export performance, which is based on a single month's publication of the notoriously erratic trade figures, is almost certainly premature.

In summary, the prospects seem to be as follows. Consumer spending will probably rise sufficiently before the end of the year to vindicate the Chancellor's promises of a second-half economic recovery. But this pedantically defined "recovery" will be a feeble affair, just like the one of 1981, and will disguise a further deterioration in Britain's manufacturing and exports. Without dramatic cuts in interest rates and a devaluation of sterling, there seems to be no chance of the economy growing fast enough in the near future to start reducing unemployment. Call it recovery or recession, this miserable reality remains the same.

GKN displays the classic defence against recession

Ross Tieman assesses how one industrial giant has taken the steps needed to survive the hard times



Cost conscious: Sir David Lees, left, and Brian Walsh adjusted to GKN's lower volume

BRITISH industry has relearned how to live with recession. Out of that knowledge will emerge recovery. Even in the hard pressed automotive components sector, profits are expected to begin improving next year.

The cause of the upturn will not be a significant resurgence of demand but rather the impact of job shedding and efficiency measures taken since the recession showed its teeth in the second half of 1990. Capital investment will contribute to the industrial revival.

There is nothing new in this. But amid the gloom, it is worth revisiting the prosaic mechanism by which companies drag themselves out of the mire.

GKN, the vehicle components and industrial services group, chaired by Sir David Lees, which reports its interim profits on Wednesday, is not a bad example of one of Britain's better run industrial companies. It has a truly international spread of businesses. Its activities range from the manufacture of constant velocity joints for vehicle drive systems, where it is the world leader, to the hire of pallets and scaffolding.

Back in 1989, GKN's businesses were booming. The company turned in pre-tax profits of £248 million on sales of £2.11 billion. Last year profits slipped to £172 million. This year it will do well to manage £125 million — scarcely half the level of two years ago. City forecasts suggest first-half profits will be down from £100 million to £55 million or less.

The first signs of a softening of demand within GKN's businesses, says Brian Walsh, the finance director, emerged in Britain and Australia in 1989. But the real slide occurred in the second half of last year, and when it happened, it was sudden and severe.

Economic theory says that when demand falls, companies respond by cutting prices, and competing more aggressively for market share. The reality, in a business like motor components, is different. Vehicle assemblers and their suppliers are locked into long-term relationships. Even if GKN gave its vehicle components away, it could not, alone, revive the demand for cars, of which they form but a modest part.

GKN's response was to attack its costs, but in a way intended to preserve its productive capacity for the upturn. "We had instituted in late 1989 a review of overheads, on the basis that when you face a volume decline you have to make your costs sympathetic to your volume," Mr Walsh says.

The study formed the basis for severe job cuts. In 1990, GKN shed 1,300 staff, mostly in the UK, where the downturn was steepest. This year, it will cut its workforce by 1,100 more, including 800 in Britain. The job losses include support staff, and have been accompanied by changes in shift patterns.

The initial effect of the redundancies was to exacerbate the fall in company profits. Once the one-off costs are out of the way, the underlying recovery in profit margins should start to show through.

Less obvious was a change in the way GKN is managed. Earlier this year, the company gave each of its businesses cash targets within which to operate. It is a practice that has been the mainstay of many successful conglomerates for years, yet Mr Walsh insists that for GKN it is largely a device to bring home to managers the imperatives of the group at the present time. "I don't think we would do it as a rule," he says.

Capital spending has also been cut. But that is a cash outflow that cannot be staunched entirely, even if it was desirable. This year, GKN will spend perhaps £100 million, against a more normal £150 million. New product programmes must go on to maintain company health.

Other component suppliers, notably BBA and T&N, have made cash calls on shareholders to restore balance sheets. Not so GKN. Mr Walsh takes the view that equity issues, for his company at least, are an expensive way of raising funds. Too often share issues dilute earnings. Even when they do not, the equity is sold below the premium that an entire business could command on change of ownership.

Managing through a recession is about survival. Rivals that fail, particularly in relatively fragmented markets such as building services and vending machines, will leave room for GKN to expand. In time, the strong will emerge stronger, and ready to renew expansion by acquisition as well as organic growth.

Bob Barber, motors analyst at James Capel, expects GKN profits to recover sharply in 1992, to £180 million. Wednesday's figures are unlikely to provide much cause for celebration, but the phase of renewal may not be very far away.

'The strong will emerge stronger and ready to renew their growth'

Election uncertainties overhang the markets

GILT-EDGED

WE LIVE in strange times. An election is due by next June, inflation is falling, the strength of the recovery is uncertain, and yet neither government nor markets are pressing for another early base rate cut.

The March 1992 short sterling contract is only just discounting 10 per cent interest rates of next spring and investors can still obtain 10 1⅛ per cent on one-year money. How can we explain market and government caution? There are a number of possibilities. The Bundesbank could lift rates on August 15. A rise of perhaps 1 per cent in the discount rate is almost certain. Markets also expect a half-point rise in the lombard rate.

Political uncertainty is a second motive for caution. A March or June election next year looks favourite, with an outside chance of November 7 this year. Perhaps the Chancellor is right to keep his powder dry. For markets, there is also a chance of a hung parliament or slim Labour victory.

Third, the delayed benefits of lower interest rates have yet to be seen, as the Chancellor suggested last week. The present phase may be a pause to assess the strength of the recovery. More subtly, sterling's 15 per cent decline against the dollar since February is broadly equivalent to a 1 per cent interest rate cut in its impact on the economy.

A more interesting question concerns the balance of risks. If the consensus is 10 per cent base rates by March, then do the odds favour 9 per cent or 11 per cent as the next best guess? There are at least five good reasons to think upward pressure on German rates may be less than many realise.

☐ Germany's inflation is not due to lax monetary policy, but largely to structural problems of unification. If higher interest rates hinder east German recovery, then tighter monetary policy could make inflation worse, not better.

☐ The prime cause of the 1 per cent jump in German inflation in July was an indirect tax increase (with some impact from higher wage costs). Just as with a rise in oil prices,

The Germans are under pressure from partners in Europe

the "correct" central bank response is to do nothing.

☐ The west German economy is slowing fast. Second-quarter real GNP was virtually flat, industrial production fell 0.5 per cent and manufacturers' confidence was very weak (in contrast with 1989 and 1990). A recession is likely within the next year.

☐ The German authorities are under severe pressure from their European partners, especially France, not to tighten further. M Bérégovoy's recent forecast of zero second quarter growth was undoubtedly aimed at Herr Schlesinger.

☐ To argue that Herr Schlesinger will want to establish his credentials is a nonsense. Anyone with 40 years' service in the Bundesbank has no need to establish them.

The dangers for the Bundesbank of not raising the lombard rate are twofold — a sharp fall in the mark/dollar exchange rate and a wrong signal sent to the market. It may be prepared to live with both those problems.

Even if German rates are raised this month, that does not preclude lower British rates by next spring — French rates are already very close to German levels — nor does it preclude German rates falling as the west German economy slows. On anything beyond a one-month view, the chances are that German rates will fall, not rise.

The British political scene could go either way. There is potential for BCCI or exports to Iraq to damage the government at just the wrong time. But if the two main parties are neck and neck next March, a few Budget giveaways and extra interest rate cuts could clinch a Tory win.

Finally, we have long believed that the British recovery will be average at best. We have little doubt that it will occur but there seems little likelihood it will prove sufficient to force base rates back up. On the other hand, as the economy crawls out of the trough, further rate cuts may appear possible and desirable.

In short, a downtrend in European interest rates and a subdued British recovery firmly favour interest rates falling more than expected.

Short gilts outperformed from February to June, as base rates fell from 14 per cent to 11 per cent. Longer maturities have outperformed more recently. The baton may pass back to the shorts before the month is out.

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Explaura reshuffle gives new direction

RUDOLPH Agnew, previously chairman of the now disbanded Consolidated Gold Fields group, of which ARC was a significant subsidiary, and David Singleton, formerly managing director of ARC Aggregates, are expected to be elected to the board of Explaura Holdings, the Canadian aggregates group, at today's annual meeting.

Mr Singleton said the new management team, of which Mr Agnew is expected to be chairman, plans to develop Explaura into "another ARC", which was so successful under the ConsGold umbrella.

He said long-term contracts for products from Explaura's Newfoundland quarry were being sought with construction-related customers along America's eastern seaboard.

Mr Singleton said: "In time, Explaura would like to break into European markets."

Explaura, floated on the London Stock Exchange in September 1986 and in which Inco, the Canadian mining group, holds 7.87 per cent, is raising £3.8 million net via a one-for-four rights issue at 14p. Various London institutions are also significant shareholders in Explaura, whose shares last traded at 14½p. The company's main asset is a £19.7 million limestone quarry and ocean terminal at Lower Cove, Newfoundland.

Mr Agnew and Mr Singleton have a two-year service agreement with Explaura under the aegis of Federated Aggregates, of which they are joint chairmen.

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Lloyd's calls for tax law changes

LLOYD'S of London has begun talks with the Inland Revenue that it hopes will lead to tax concessions for the market being included in the 1993 finance bill.

The talks, which centre on the controversial issue of pre-tax reserving, were initiated separately from discussions on carry back of losses, which were abandoned in June.

The negotiations on pre-tax reserving are still in the early stages, with Lloyd's concentrating, so far, on providing the Revenue with the information it needs to help it reach a decision. It is clear, however, that once talks begin, Lloyd's will be urging relaxation on the reserving issue. Lloyd's argues that the Revenue's hard line on reserving for future losses has contributed to the hardship being felt by names as a result of catastrophes.

The Revenue's tough attitude on the issue dates back to the early Eighties, when reserving was seen as a thinly disguised tax dodge.

Estimates of what concessions on reserving could be worth to Lloyd's are hard to come by, but it is believed the £510 million loss for 1988 could have been halved if adequate reserves had been built up in earlier years.

Under the current system, names can eventually claim back much of their losses from the Revenue, but are unlikely to see their cheques for at least a year after the losses have been incurred.

Lloyd's believes it now has a stronger case for restoring tax allowable reserves than at any time for a decade because of the lowering of barriers to competition in the European insurance market.

Alan Lord, the chief executive of Lloyd's, told the House of Lords select committee on the European Community in March that British insurers would not be able to compete with their European counterparts if the reserving issue was not tackled.

He said: "As long as our competitors have the ability to build up pre-tax reserves in a way which we have not, then, in commercial terms, we are at a disadvantage, which may well be crucial."

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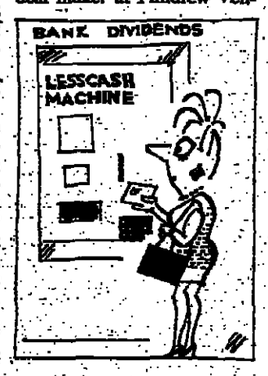
THE TIMES CITY DIARY

Whitney bounces back

THE season of City comebacks continues. The latest player to bounce back is Nick Whitney, top-rated head of strategy and research at Warburgs for eight years and, briefly, managing director of Citicorp Scrimgeour Vickers. He has teamed up with Martin Burton's Monument Derivatives to launch a research boutique. "I will begin publishing in September, once the City is back from holiday," says Whitney, who has spent the past nine months working on the project from his home near Tunbridge Wells, Kent. "It will be quite statistical but, hopefully, easily digestible," he adds. As for the market, he sees the Footsie pushing towards 2,800 by the year-end.

Taken by Storm

RUTH Storm, the only female deal maker at Phildrew Ventures, has been busier than usual lately. Days after closing the £13.8 million management buyout of Sitex Securities from Turnbull Scott, she was made an associate of the firm — and gave birth to Frederick, a 9lb boy. Colleagues, meanwhile, find it hard to forget her glitzy wedding in Aspen, Colorado, last year, when she married wearing a ski suit.



Small is beautiful

WITH a touch of irony, considering its shrinking numbers, Hoare Govett has decided to sponsor an exhibition on smaller companies. Organising the event is John Houlihan, number one Extelrated head of smaller companies research at the firm. Houlihan is the City's longest-serving smaller companies analyst, and recently swelled Hoare Govett's ranks by poaching Pat O'Bryan from Lehman Brothers and Andrew Yeo from UBS Phillips & Drew. Hoare Govett's partial buyout from SecPac is now in its final throes.

Haville's off

TWO years after joining Morgan Stanley to build up its European research team, Bob Haville is out of a job. But not, with any luck, for long. "This seems as good a time as any to move," says Haville, aged 36, who resigned on Thursday and spent the weekend relaxing at a Wiltshire hideaway. A senior executive at James Capel from 1982-7, Haville adds: "It was an amicable parting. I want to stand back and think about the next phase of my career."

Seeing redheads

PEEVED by the suggestion in *The Times* last week that good news in the motor sector is as rare as a Ferrari Testarossa in Sunderland, Wearside motor dealer Reg Vardy has decided to set the record straight. "They're two a penny in Sunderland," snorts David Williams, a spokesman for Vardy, which holds the Ferrari dealership for the Northeast. "We even expect to sell ten this year." Vardy is hoping to have similar success with Nissan, for which it now holds the Sunderland dealership.

JON ASHWORTH

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1	Cattles	Banks,Discount	
2	Alexandra W'wear	Industrials A-D	
3	Land Sec	Property	
4	Assoc Br Ports	Transport	
5	Bridport-Gundry	Industrials A-D	
6	Bowthorpe	Electricals	
7	AAH	Industrials A-D	
8	Wholesale Fittings	Electricals	
9	Wolseley	Industrials S-Z	
10	Johnson Cleaners	Industrials E-K	
11	Booker	Foods	
12	Dawson	Textiles	
13	King & Shaxson	Banks,Discount	
14	NFC	Transport	
15	Berkeley Gp	Building,Roads	
16	Bemrose	Paper,Print,Adv	
17	Unilever	Industrials S-Z	
18	Spring Ram	Industrials S-Z	
19	Pentos	Drapery,Stores	
20	Warner	Property	
21	Unread	Industrials L-R	
22	Johnstone Press	Newspapers,Pub	
23	Scot & New	Breweries	
24	Courtaulds	Industrials A-D	
25	Utd Newspapers	Newspapers,Pub	
26	Aus New Z	Banks,Discount	
27	Unitech	Electricals	
28	BTP	Chemicals,Plas	
29	Eurocopy	Industrials E-K	
30	HSBC	Banks,Discount	
31	Lee (Arthur)	Industrials L-R	
32	Allied Text	Textiles	
33	Siebe	Industrials S-Z	
34	Bilton (P)	Property	
35	Pentland	Industrials L-R	
36	ADT	Industrials A-D	
37	Ellis & Everard	Chemicals,Plas	
38	Dipfoma	Industrials A-D	
39	Usher Walker	Paper,Print,Adv	
40	Amec	Building,Roads	
41	Bradford	Property	
42	API	Paper,Print,Adv	
43	TIP Europe	Transport	
44	BTR	Industrials A-D	

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SHORTS (Under Five Years)					
1338m	Treas 8% 1991	99⅛	..	8.1	..
1550m	Exch 11% 1991	100	..	11.0	..
2194m	Treas 11¾% 1991	99⅝	..	11.8	..
478m	Treas 9% 1992	99⅝	..	9.1	..
1529m	Treas 9% 1992	99⅝	..	9.1	..
1598m	Treas 10% 1992	99⅝	..	10.0	..
1279m	Treas Cnv 9½% 1992	99⅝	..	10.0	..
1577m	Exch 12¼% 1992	102	..	12.0	..
782m	Treas 12¼% 1992	100⅝	..	12.2	..
1519m	Exch 13¾% 1992	103⅝	..	13.1	..
561m	Funding 9% 1993	99⅝	..	9.0	..
777m	Treas 8½% 1993	97⅞	..	8.9	..
1844m	Treas 10% 1993	100⅝	..	10.0	..
1142m	Treas 12½% 1993	105⅝	..	12.0	..
1158m	Treas 13¾% 1993	107	..	12.9	..
1735m	Treas 12¼% 1994	98⅝	..	12.5	..
1548m	Treas 9% 1994	99⅝	..	9.0	..
1884m	Treas 10% 1994	99⅝	..	10.0	..
1315m	Exch 12¾% 1994	103⅝	..	11.8	..
1184m	Exch 12¾% 1994	104⅛	..	12.2	..
867m	Treas 14¼% 1994	109⅝	..	13.2	..
1846m	Gilt 7¾% 1990-95	99⅝	..	3.5	..
2159m	Exch 10¾% 1995	102⅝	..	10.2	..
2470m	Treas 12% 1995	112⅝	..	11.4	..
912m	Treas 12¾% 1995	109⅝	..	11.7	..
FIVE TO FIFTEEN YEARS					
726m	Treas 9% 1992-96	99⅝	..	9.3	..
1102m	Conv 10% 1996	99⅝	..	10.1	..
1150m	Conv 10% 1996 B	99⅝	..	10.1	..
865m	Exch 13¾% 1996	110⅝	..	12.0	..
1636m	Treas 8½% 1997	97⅝	..	8.7	..
1140m	Exch 10½% 1997	101⅝	..	10.4	..
1000m	Exch 15% 1997	120⅝	..	12.5	..
868m	Treas 6¾% 1995-98	88	..	7.8	..
2991m	Exch 9¾% 1998	98⅝	..	9.9	..
3510m	Exch 10¾% 1998	105⅝	..	11.0	..
1124m	Treas 15¼% 1998	125⅝	..	12.3	..
1217m	Treas 9½% 1998	98⅝	..	9.6	..
1556m	Conv 10½% 1998	102⅝	..	10.2	..
1174m	Treas 10¾% 1998	102⅝	..	10.3	..
3198m	Exch 12¼% 1998	110⅝	..	11.1	..
2708m	Conv 9¾% 2000	94⅝	..	9.5	..
1500m	Treas 13¾% 2000-03	112⅝	..	11.5	..
696m	Conv 9½% 2001	99⅝	..	11.2	..
2400m	Treas 10% 2001	99⅝	..	10.5	..
887m	Treas 10% 2001 §	99⅝	..	10.1	..
1000m	Treas 10% 2001 §	99⅝	..	10.1	..
1135m	Treas 14% 1998-01	117	..	12.0	..
70m	Exch 9¾% 2002	81½	..	12.0	..
2639m	Treas 9¾% 2002	98⅝	..	9.9	..
516m	Conv 10% 2002	97⅝	..	11.4	..
1700m	Treas 10% 2003	100	..	10.0	..
81m	Treas 13¼% 2000-03	112⅝	..	11.7	..
2000m	Fund 9¼% 1999-04	93⅝	..	9.9	..
1854m	Conv 9¾% 2004	98⅝	..	9.9	..
1736m	Treas 11¾% 2001-04	107⅝	..	10.7	..
3527m	Conv 9¾% 2005	98⅝	..	9.6	..
5573m	Treas 12¾% 2003-06	116⅝	..	10.7	..
OVER FIFTEEN YEARS					
1527m	Treas 8¾% 2000-05	84⅝	..	9.4	..
1369m	Treas 8% 2002-06	89⅝	..	8.5	..
2516m	Treas 11¾% 2003-07	111⅝	..	10.5	..
1670m	Treas 9% 2008	93⅝	..	9.7	..
1536m	Treas 8% 2008 C	83⅝	..	9.7	..
7536m	Treas 7¾% 2004-09	124⅝	..	10.2	..
841m	Treas 9% 2011	94⅝	..	9.4	..
2579m	Conv 9% 2011	97⅝	..	9.4	..
1238m	Treas 5½% 2008-12	63⅝	..	8.8	..
558m	Treas 7¾% 2012-15	91⅛	..	9.5	..
1190m	Exch 12% 2013-17	119⅛	..	10.1	..
UNDATED					
69m	Consols 2½%	23¾	..	10.6	..
1198m	Treas 3½%	35⅜	..	10.1	..
18m	Treas 3½%	35⅜	..	10.1	..
218m	Conv 3½%	36⅜	..	9.6	..
143m	Consols 4%	39½	..	10.1	..
87m	War Ln 3½%	35⅜	..	9.9	..
INDEX-LINKED					
854m	Treas 2½% 1996	131⅝	..	2.6	..
591m	Treas 2½% 1998	118⅝	..	2.5	..
1711m	Treas 2½% 1998	117⅛	..	2.5	..
1410m	Treas 2½% 2001	116⅝	..	2.5	..
1029m	Treas 2½% 2003	124⅝	..	2.5	..
1657m	Treas 2½% 2006	108⅝	..	2.5	..
1231m	Treas 2½% 2009	139⅝	..	2.5	..
1997m	Treas 2½% 2011	106⅝	..	2.5	..
478m	Treas 2½% 2013	107⅛	..	2.5	..
1943m	Treas 2½% 2016	114⅝	..	2.5	..
1386m	Treas 2½% 2020	110⅝	..	2.5	..
857m	Treas 2½% 2024	91⅝	..	2.5	..

BANKS, DISCOUNT HP

Capitalisation £	Company	Price last Friday	Chge on week	Gross div pence	Div Yld %	P/E
3,980.0m	Abbey National	366	..	13.1	4.4	10.4
1,089.0m	Allied Irish	169	+1	..	..	..
66.1m	Ansbacher (Henry)	80	..	2.0	6.7	..
1,855.0m	Aus New Z	182	..	..	..	..
4,554.0m	Bankamerica	231½	..	..	..	..
435.0m	Bank of Ireland	130	+3	..	..	..
134.5m	Bank Lavani Israel	278	..	..	..	..
23.7m	Bank Leumi UK	355	..	21.3	6.1	8.0
1,845.0m	Bank Of Scotland	117½	+½	5.4	4.6	15.8
22.7m	Bank Of Wales	71	..	3.7	5.2	..
7,555.0m	Barclays	461	-14	28.2	6.1	24.4
8,047.000	Benchmark	5	-½	..	..	..
80.3m	Brown Shipley	221	+1	10.7	4.8	..
3,906.000	Cariton	17	-½	..	..	..
83.4m	Cater Allen	348	+12	32.3	9.3	10.8
66.4m	Cattles	82	+5	5.1	6.2	8.8
	Chancery					
1,342.2m	Chase Manhattan	511½	..	..	..	..
2,935.5m	Citicorp	357	+½	..	..	..
83.7m	Close Bros	228	..	10.9	4.8	11.6
2,249.0m	Commerzbank	232½	..	..	..	..
10,120.8m	Deutsche Bank	521½	+3½	..	..	..
188.5m	First Nat Fin	114	+11	..	..	6.2
	GKN					
107.4m	Gerrard Nat	278	+10	27.3	9.9	8.9
61.8m	Gutmess Mahon	48	..	..	..	..
2,468.0m	HSBC	214	-½	..	..	..
497.2m	Hambros	289	+12	17.1	5.9	8.9
23.3m	Joseph (Leopold)	389	..	21.1	5.4	18.6
18.4m	King & Shaxson	117	+4	13.7	11.7	..
405.4m	Kleinwort Benson	335	+4	21.5	6.4	..
4,713.0m	Lloyds	377	+17	30.8	8.2	15.2
32.4m	Lon Scot Bk	84	+10	3.7	6.0	10.8
1,788.0m	Midland	228	+8	12.0	5.3	..

STOCK EXCHANGE PRICES

Capitalisation and change on week

(Current market price multiplied by the number of shares in issue for the stock quoted)
ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings began July 29. Dealings end August 9. §Contango day August 12. Settlement day August 19.
§Forward bargains are permitted on two previous business days.

Prices are Friday's middle prices. Change, dividend, yield and P/E ratios are calculated on middle prices.

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Capitalisation £	Company	Price last Friday	Chge on week	Gross div pence	Div Yld %	P/E
BREWERIES						
5,093.0m	Allied-Lyons	558	+16	25.1	4.5	22.1
3,930.2m	Bass	916	..	44.4	4.8	9.5
167.1m	Boddington	168	..	8.0	4.8	13.7
131.5m	Bulmer (H P)	262	..	11.1	4.2	16.6
23.7m	Burtonwood Brew	114	..	5.5	4.8	7.9
101.2m	Daventish (JA)	202	+31	7.3	3.6	14.9
	Fosters Brewing Gp	253	..	..	..	..
7,848.7m	Grand Met	787	+4	28.5	3.6	14.2
410.0m	Greene King	462	+19	13.8	3.0	13.2
192.2m	Greenall Whg	462	+4	14.4	3.2	11.8
9,842.3m	Guinness	393	+4	12.7	3.2	25.0
40.2m	Hardys & Hansons	710	+7	47.8	6.7	14.8
398.3m	Highland Dist	278	+1	9.7	3.4	20.6
297.1m	Invergordon Dist	163	+1	9.7	6.1	13.4
70.2m	Marstons	215	+5	16.1	5.8	11.5
178.7m	Morrison Thompson	201	+3	8.9	4.4	14.4
35.5m	Matthew Clark	363	..	18.7	5.2	13.3
32.4m	Morland	318	+20	8.9	2.8	16.7
2,852.7m	Tomkins Brewries	210½	..	..	..	..
1,883.3m	Scot & New	417	+17	20.0	4.8	12.5
304.5m	Vaux Grp	222	+6	11.8	5.3	11.5
2,172.2m	Whitbread 'A'	506	+16	21.7	4.3	10.7
297.4m	Do 'B'	506	..	21.7	4.3	10.7
340.0m	Wolverhmpton & D	518	-1	12.9	2.5	14.7
13.4m	Young 'A'	463	..	17.3	3.7	17.2
BUILDING, ROADS						
25.1m	Abbey	85	+15	..	..	..
421.2m	Amec	210	+6	13.5	6.4	10.7
11.6m	Anglia Sec	35	..	..	..	..
	Arndale				0.07	..
391.7m	Ashwoods	304	..	9.2	3.0	17.7
824.0m	BPB Ind	189	+1	15.6	7.5	28.6
34.0m	Baggeridge Brick	86	+1	4.2	4.8	10.1
2,404.0m	Bailey (Geo) Const	23	+1	1.4	6.0	2.4
77.5m	Barratt Dev	93	-28	12.0	37.5	4.5
236.1m	Beazer PLC	83	-1	10.3	12.4	4.6
85.1m	Bellway	228	+2	14.7	6.4	12.9
967.000	Bennett	3	..	..	..	..
186.7m	Berkeley Gp	317	+4	9.0	2.8	..
16.8m	Bett Bros	113	..	5.8	5.0	8.5
83.8m	Blockleys	117	..	6.4	5.5	13.7
1,484.0m	Blue Circle	383	+3	23.5	6.1	10.8
30.6m	Boot (Henry)	288	..	33.3	5.8	10.8
29.8m	Brendon PLC	68	..	6.1	8.9	8.2
22.2m	Br Dredging	139	..	9.9	7.1	10.0
280.8m	Bryant	112	..	8.4	7.5	15.4
29.2m	CALA	85	..	4.5	5.4	10.9
710.0m	CRH	246	+5	..	..	..
2,393.000	Caledonian Robey	96	..	..	0.0	13.4
10.4m	Calder Grp	35	..	2.4	6.8	..
329.7m	Costain Group	141	-11	16.3	11.5	..
33.4m	Countryside	78	..	5.5	6.9	..
33.0m	Cowie (Nicholson	93	-7	..	..	14.8
5,851.000	Cousins	80	..	..	0.0	..
53.8m	Douglas (Hld)	408	+4	14.6	3.4	7.9
16.1m	Edmond Hldgs	88	..	2.5	2.8	8.4
23.1m	Enh	92	..	3.5	3.8	10.8
282.8m	Everard Bardon	77	..	4.3	5.5	8.4
1,882.000	Finlan Gp	3½	..	..	..	..
70.2m	Galliford	84	+1	5.7	6.8	10.4
1,631.000	Glebe & Dandy Ord	28	..	..	..	..
77.3m	Gleeson (MJ)	73	+2	14.9	19.9	19.3
2,357.000	Graham Wood	87	..	7.3	12.2	2.5
7,437.000	Harrison Ind	81	..	4.3	7.0	14.8
154.7m	Hawtin-Stuart	165	..	4.6	4.2	9.3
5,015.000	Hewitson	7	..	0.6	12.7	2.5
175.2m	Heywood Williams	255	..	16.7	8.5	10.8
105.8m	Higgs & Hill	240	-11	26.7	11.1	43.7
15.0m	Holt Gp	37	..	4.8	13.0	7.9
4,289.000	Howard Hldgs	773	..	..	..	11.1
219.8m	Ibstock Johnsen	88	..	5.6	6.4	10.1
10.6m	Jarvis	68	..	2.7	4.5	15.8
120.3m	Laing (J)	288	..	17.5	6.4	28.5
18.6m	Lawrence (Walter)	78	..	3.4	5.3	10.3
76.1m	Lilley	47	..	3.5	7.5	6.6
108.1m	Lovell (YJ)	130	..	11.9	9.2	7.7
89.7m	Manders	178	-1	9.3	5.2	16.0
241.4m	Marshalls	122	..	6.7	5.5	16.6
62.6m	Marshalls	111	..	6.7	7.5	18.6
27.1m	Maunders (J)	111	-1	6.8	6.9	7.7
123.0m	McAlpine (Alfred)	369	+4	12.7	3.5	22.6
57.4m	McKay S S	148	..	8.8	6.0	20.5
464.1m	Meyer Int	420	+12	22.0	4.7	20.9
344.9m	Moulton (John)	229	-14	28.0	12.2	10.1
59.8m	NSM	17	..	0.7	4.1	..
152.1m	Newman Tonks	147	..	22.4	15.2	9.6
265.6m	Pershimon	388	..	11.5p	4.5	12.5
4,043.000	Phoenix Timber	28	..	0.7	2.5	..
9,800.000	Pochins	87½	..	..	..	..
30.6m	Prowting	169	..	9.6	5.4	9.6
1,233.7m	RMC Gp	988	..	35.7	3.9	11.0
161.6m	Raine Ind	128	..	7.7	6.4	6.6
1,914.6m	Redland	557	-13	26.3	5.9	16.8
10.2m	Rosebell	58	..	3.7	6.7	9.2
330.6m	Rugby Group	169	..	4.7	12.2	..
16.4m	Sharpe & Fisher	80	..	3.5	6.6	..
33.7m	Shirefield Inst	141	..	7.2	5.1	8.5
19.8m	Smart (J)	160	..	8.0	5.0	8.5
33.5m	Stanrick	17½	..	0.1	0.6	20.7
530.5m	Stanley	338	-11	17.7	5.2	9.5
1,867.8m	Tarmac	238	-5	15.0	6.3	14.6
80.2m	Tay Homes	233	..	12.7	5.4	6.6
980.4m	Taylor Woodrow	230	..	12.7	5.5	15.1
147.2m	Tilbury Group	180	-15	44.0	6.5	16.6
30.5m	Tilcon	78	..	4.5	5.8	10.1
3,273.2m	Tilcon 'A'	213½	..	60.0p	3.7	11.8
137.4m	Tomkins	238	..	12.7	5.3	12.8
1,787.8m	Wates City of London	224	..	14.5	6.5	14.6
3,531.000	Wilding Offices	78	..	..	..	..
COMPUTER PEOPLE						
17.9m	Computer People	130	..	8.3	6.4	7.9
68.1m	Cray Elect	88	..	..	..	28.0
684.8m	Dale	366	..	19.7	4.7	11.3
71.2m	Domino	351	+5	7.4	2.1	16.8
76.2m	Dowding & Mills	57	..	2.5	4.3	8.9
3,888.000	EMC	72	..	3.5	4.9	19.7
581.5m	Electrocomponents	288	..	14.8	5.2	16.1
16.5m	Elec Data Process	178	..	5.5	3.0	11.3
7,668.000	Electron House	39	..	3.0p	10.0	19.2
27.5m	Elmtek	39	..	4.7	16.1	10.2
104.5m	Eurotherm	261	..	8.4	3.9	12.6
291.5m	FKI	88	..	7.4	5.7	9.8
286.6m	Ferranti Elect	228	..	7.5	5.2	13.7
70.1m	Ferranti	77	..	..	..	..
4,215.000	First Tech	228	..	1.3	4.6	..
7,829.000	Forward Tech	178	..	..	..	..
5,134.0m	GEC	250	..	10.2	5.1	10.2
84.1m	Harland Simon	258	..	10.0	3.9	12.4
385.0m	Hazletine Gp	372	..	12.5	3.4	29.5
27.2m	Jones Stroud	265	..	10.7	4.0	9.4
8,563.000	Kentrew	265	..	10.5	3.9	8.8
7,040.000	Kode	265	..	10.5	3.9	28.1
16.2m	Lec Refrigeration	78	..	3.4	4.3	8.0
146.8m	Lola	70	..	5.4	7.7	..
213.2m	Life Sciences	178	..	8.3	4.7	12.5
133.1m	Logica	331	..	8.3	2.5	17.7
57.6m	Micro 4	128	..	5.2	4.1	14.5
21.8m	Microfilm Repro	108	..	4.3	3.9	18.4
261.1m	Micro Focus	215	..	11.1	5.2	28.2
58.1m	Microgen	218	..	8.5	3.9	11.0
42.0m	Millgate	45	..	..	..	..
57.1m	Misys	197	..	7.5	3.8	14.5
44.5m	Molins	88	..	..	..	..
13.8m	Mothercare	119	..	5.5	4.2	9.8
12.8m	Multiplone Elect	82	..	2.7	3.3	14.3
2,800.000	Norcros Ester	110	..	..	..	..
5,977.7m	NYNEX	544½	..	..	..	..
1,997.000	Newmark (Louis)	67	..	..	..	..
7,893.000	Northgate	44	..	3.3	7.5	..
14.0m	Osprey	38	..	..	..	..
120.5m	Oxford Instruments	250	+1	5.5	2.2	13.9
358.5m	P-E International	178	+2	8.5	4.7	8.7
60.8m	P & P	210	..	9.0	4.3	9.1
28.7m	Penn	207	..	9.0	4.3	9.4
975.0m	Philips Fin 5½%	276½	..	5%	7.5	..
2,900.8m	Philips Lamps N/V	212½	+½	..	..	..
16.6m	Pilkington	82	..	10.0	2.9	12.6
11.8m	Do 'A' Ltd Voting	242	..	10.0	2.9	..
20.8m	Prevost	85	..	6.0	10.8	5.7
27.0m	Quadrant	206	..	8.7	1.3	77.9
2,884.0m	Racal Elec	317	+2	10.0	2.5	12.8
3,480.0m	Racal Telecom	346	+2	4.0	1.2	34.6
119.1m	SD-Scicon	158	..	7.5	2.2	..
332.7m	Sage Gp	387	..	5.0	1.3	43.0
14.0m	Schlumberger	48	..	1.8	3.8	8.2
39.0m	Scholes Grp	103	..	6.4	6.2	8.7
244.5m	Serco Gp	288	..	9.5	3.3	25.1
1,022.000	Sidlaw	110	..	6.4	4.0	..
1,882.000	Simon	320	..	13.0	4.1	10.1
22.2m	Telemetrix	28½	..	2.0	7.0	12.0
2,585.8m	THORN EMI	771	+7	40.7	5.3	12.6
28.4m	Tunstall	184	..	9.4	5.1	8.1
134.1m	Unitech	282	+2	12.5	4.4	9.1
21.8m	Utd Scientific	77	..	2.7	3.5	..
43.6m	Vitec	282	+12	22.7	8.0	15.8
1,895.0m	Western Selection	212	..	12.5	10.5	10.6
55.3m	Wholesale Fittings	380	+2	22.2	5.7	13.8
ELECTRICITY						
416.4m	East Midlands	191	+14	20.1	8.1	9.1
477.5m	Eastern Elect	177	+4	12.3	6.1	8.9
448.7m	Hydro-Electric	118½	..	12.2	4.8	13.6
420.8m	London Elec	193	..	19.6	6.8	7.2
286.8m	Manweb	249	+12	21.3	6.5	10.6
448.2m	Midlands Elec	251	+7	21.3	6.5	9.4
248.1m	Northern Elec	208	-16	21.7	7.4	8.2
358.2m	Norweb	208	+16	20.0	6.0	14.2
578.6m	Scottish Power	107½	..	12.5	5.8	13.1
258.4m	Scottish Hydro	98	+15	10.7	5.8	7.8
242.5m	Sth Wales	236	+12	22.5	6.8	8.5
343.7m	Sth Western	198	+12	22.5	6.8	8.1
337.0m	Southern Elec	258	+12	22.5	6.8	8.5
488.2m	Yorkshire Elec	238	-10	20.5	6.4	9.3
	Package Unit	122033	+2120			
1,938.0m	National Power	102	-1	7.5	5.2	8.8
1,284.5m	PowerGen	168	..	7.4	3.2	18.1
FINANCE, LAND						
95.8m	Abbeycrest	330	..	2.5	0.8	..
19.7m	Alliott Hume	38	..	3.0	8.1	14.7
18.2m	Baltic Pic	113	..	5.5	4.8	5.1
119.8m	Berkeley Govett	147	..	..	..	..
3,931.000	Burns-Anderson	6½	..	..	..	..
510.3m	Cadogan	365	..	19.5	5.3	13.7
48.7m	Capita	219½	+1½	33.3	1.7	10.7
24.0m	Cardonor	286	..	11.3	4.9	20.5
	Centaur Comm					
7,899.000	Hanway/Thompson	13½	..	..	..	..
3,901.000	IRCO	112	..	5.5	4.8	16.5
30.1m	Inchy & Stow	98	+1	7.7	8.0	14.3
4,889.000	LTI	94	..	..	..	..
29.5m	Mal Home Loans	89	-7	12.0	42.9	1.9
7,480.000	Newmarket	212	..	..	..	..
29.5m	Rutland Tst	112	..	1.1	9.2	5.0
17.3m	Slaverstone Plc	82	..	..	..	..
89.5m	Slipar & Fried	48	..	3.3p	6.5	9.1
102.5m	Schroders	775	..	..	..	..
226.2m	S.P. Capital	82	+6	4.9	4.9	11.0
266.3m	Templeton Glnth	221	..	..	..	..
FINANCIAL TRUSTS						
7,260.4m	American Express	514½	+1	..	..	..
6,859.000	Babcock Prebon	3	..	..	..	..
936.1m	Bacon	218	-4	8.4	3.9	22.8
150.0m	Henderson Admin	615	..	65.6	8.1	13.2
230.1m	Nexus Mtl	88	..	6.0	9.1	10.9
341.5m	MAI	197	..	8.7	5.3	8.9
356.5m	MAM	510	+46	33.3	4.1	14.2
417.5m	N & G	548	+19	28.7	4.3	17.1
37.7m	Rath & New Court	125	..	4.7	3.8	27.4
28.4m	Tyndall Hldgs	51	-1	..	..	29.2
FOODS						
2,444.3m	AB Food	545	+16	15.2	2.8	13.0
1,109.0m	ASDA Group	94	+5	6.4	6.8	8.3
886.5m	Albert Fisher	115	-3	4.8	4.2	11.8
	Argyll					
3,467.0m	Argyll	314	+6	11.5	3.7	15.2
140.7m	Ashley Group	100	+10	2.8	2.8	11.8
23.7m	Assoc Fisheries	148	..	8.3	5.6	10.8
10.2m	Baxter (Stanley C)	140	..	10.7	7.6	7.0
37.5m	Barr (AG)	196	+4	8.9	4.5	37.9
198.5m	Berisford Int	98	..	..	..	..
1,023.4m	Booker	465	..	28.3	6.1	15.4
18.4m	Bovis Grp	98	-7	7.0	7.1	11.1
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Litigant's right to friend in court

Regina v Leicester City Justices, Ex parte Barrow and Another

Before Lord Donaldson of Lymington, Master of the Rolls, Lord Justice Staughton and Sir Christopher Slade

[Judgment July 25]

The court's administration of justice had not only to be fair, but to be seen to be so. A party appearing in person should therefore be given reasonable assistance in conducting his case, including that of an adviser, unless the court, in the exercise of its jurisdiction to maintain order and regulate proceedings before it, ordered otherwise.

The title "McKenzie friend" suggested an unjustified status and mystique. The phrase was better not used, such a person being more appropriately referred to simply as an assistant or friend.

The Court of Appeal so stated allowing an appeal by Michael and Carol Barrow from the Queen's Bench Divisional Court (Lord Justice Watkins and Mr Justice Otton) (*The Times* January 9; [1991] 2 WLR 974) which had dismissed their application for judicial review of the Leicester City Justices' decision to refuse them the assistance of Mr Robert John as an adviser in proceedings against them for the recovery of the outstanding amount of their community charges and making liability orders in respect of such sums against them.

Mr Anthony Scrivener, QC and Mr Andrew Nicol for the applicants; Mr Philip Havers as *amicus curiae*.

THE MASTER OF THE ROLLS said that there were many basic rules covering the administration of justice by the courts which could be summed up by saying that it must be administered fairly, and that unless the interests of justice otherwise required, it must be administered openly and not only fairly, but by being seen to be so. Everyone of full age and capacity was entitled to be heard in person by any court which was concerned to adjudicate in proceedings to which he was a party.

That was a universal entitlement whether the proceedings were in a magistrates' court, in the House of Lords or in an intermediate court.

In addition he was entitled to be represented by those with rights of audience and rights to conduct litigation, such rights being regulated, directly or indirectly, by sections 27 and 28 of the Courts and Legal Services Act 1991.

Those sections also confirmed the rights of any court to refuse to hear a person, including a party, who would otherwise have a right of audience for reasons which applied to him as an individual, but if such a power were exercised the court had to give its reasons.

The present case was not concerned with rights of audience, and while the applicants' rights of audience as parties had never been called in question, neither they nor Mr John sought any right of audience for him. They wished him to assist them in presenting their cases to the court by taking notes, quietly making suggestions to them and giving them advice.

The applicants, unlike Mr John, had a right to be heard. Fairness which was fundamental to all court proceedings dictated that they should be given all reasonable facilities for exercising that right, and in case of doubt, they should be given the benefit of that doubt, for the courts must not only act fairly but must be seen to do so.

References to "McKenzie friends" (*McKenzie v McKenzie* ([1971 P 33)) and still more to the "right to a McKenzie friend" were misleading because they suggested that someone who sought to assist a litigant in person had a special status akin to, if less than, that of one who had a right to conduct litigation or of a right of audience.

The McKenzie friend did not exist at all as such and had neither status nor rights. The only right was that of the litigant and his right was to reasonable assistance which could take many forms.

A party to proceedings had a right to present his own case and in doing so to arm himself with such assistance as he thought appropriate, subject to the right of the court to intervene.

Thus he could bring books and paper with him, pens, pencils, his spectacles, a hearing aid and any other form of material assistance he thought appropriate. Subject to them not being of extraordinary volume or unusual nature, there was no need for the matter to be mentioned to the justices or their clerk.

If he wished to have an adviser, as contrasted with an advocate, it was convenient that he should mention that fact to the justices or their clerk so that they might know why the person concerned was sitting next to the defendant rather than in the space reserved for the general public.

Furthermore, the justices might reasonably wish to know whether the adviser was to be called as a witness and should not hear the evidence of other witnesses, if exclusion from court while that evidence was given was usual in that class of case.

They might also reasonably wish to know that the adviser was not claiming rights of audience or proposing to exercise them on behalf of the party and that he was not a party to another case, or a member of the public who had lost his way.

But if the party armed himself with assistance in order the better himself to present his case, it was not a question of seeking the leave of the court. It was a question of the court objecting and restricting him in the use of that assistance if it were clearly unreasonable in nature or degree or if it became apparent that the "assistance" was not being provided bona fide but for an improper purpose or was being provided in a way which was inimical to the proper administration of justice.

The justices in the present case seemed to have approached the matter on the basis that:

(a) if the applicants were to be assisted by Mr John, it could only be by express permission of the court. That was an error. They could be assisted by him if the court did not rule otherwise;

(b) the justices had inherent, and statutory power to maintain order and regulate the proceedings before them. That was correct;

(c) the clerk could and would assist the applicants if and in so far as they appeared to need it. That was correct, but the role of the clerk in both advising the magistrates as to the law and seeking to assist a litigant in person was a very difficult one. Without in any way criticising justices' clerks, the applicants could reasonably wish to seek other assistance;

(d) the issues were simple and straightforward. His Lordship accepted that the magistrates reasonably thought that that was so, but having looked at the statutory provisions, there might have been scope for argument. But that was not the point. The point was that it was not for the court to consider in advance whether the applicants needed assistance. Unless there were clear grounds in the interests of the proper administration of justice for denying them the assistance of Mr John, it was enough that they should have thought that they needed it.

His Lordship therefore concluded that the justices had inadvertently erred, and that the error created apparent unfairness. It might have been that Mr John would have advised the applicants to probe the evidence as to the posting of the demand and reminder of the charges. The court could not know, nor could it know what the response would have been. There was therefore the potential for actual unfairness.

Any unfairness, whether apparent or actual and however inadvertent struck at the root of justice. His Lordship could not be sure that the applicants had not been prejudiced and accordingly the justices' order should be quashed.

Bearing in mind that the relevant fiscal year had expired and that it was probable that the sums due in respect of the charge for that year had now been paid, he would not remit the matter for further hearing.

Lord Justice Staughton and Sir Christopher Slade delivered concurring judgments.

Solicitors: Mr John Wadham, Southwark; Treasury Solicitor.

Appeal on inconsistency of verdicts

Regina v McKechnie
Regina v Gibbons
Regina v Dixon

Before Lord Justice Watkins, Mr Justice Auld and Mr Justice Judge

[Judgment July 25]

On an appeal against conviction on the ground of inconsistency of verdicts the court would intervene only where the appellant established that no reasonable jury could properly have reached the verdicts which were reached, but it did not necessarily follow that all guilty verdicts on one side or the other of the inconsistency would be quashed.

The Court of Appeal so stated when giving a reserved judgment on appeals against convictions at the Central Criminal Court in December 1989 before Sir James Miskin, QC, then Recorder of London, and a jury by Roy Maurer McKechnie, aged 25, of manslaughter by provocation and Errol Anthony Gibbons, aged 23, and Andrew Tony Dixon, aged 20, each of causing grievous bodily harm with intent to Herbert Francis Kelly, aged 66, contrary to section 18 of the Offences against the Person Act 1861.

In upholding the manslaughter conviction and quashing the section 18 convictions the court added cautionary words about the provision of a written list of questions to a jury.

McKechnie was sentenced to seven years imprisonment for manslaughter and two years consecutive for criminal damage. Gibbons received four years for the section 18 offence and two years consecutive for criminal damage. Dixon was sentenced to detention in a young offender institution for four years for the section 18 offence and two years consecutive for criminal damage.

All appellants had pleaded guilty to criminal damage. On appeal, there having been no evidence of the value of the damage involved, the sentences on Gibbons and Dixon were reduced to three months in accordance with section 33 of the Magistrates' Courts Act 1980. The two-year sentence on McKechnie was ordered to run concurrently with the seven years.

Mr Jeffrey Pegden for McKechnie, Mr Icah Peart for Gibbons and Mr Anthony Abell for Dixon, all assigned by the Registrar of Criminal Appeals; Mr Graham Boal for the Crown.

MR JUSTICE AULD, giving the judgment of the court, said that the three appellants entered Mr Kelly's home and McKechnie unaided by the other two savagely attacked Kelly, causing him severe brain damage and also damage to some of his belongings. A good deal of damage was done to the contents of his home.

Kelly, who was deeply unconscious, suffered from a duodenal ulcer and the doctors concluded that, because of his serious head injuries, anaesthesia could be fatal. They did not operate and, a month after the attack, while Kelly was still unconscious, the ulcer burst and he died as a result.

All three were charged with murder with a section 18 offence as an alternative.

The Recorder's directions to the jury were correct in law in so far as they set out the test to adopt to determine whether MacKechnie caused Kelly's death.

The common ground of appeal of each appellant was that the verdict of guilty of McKechnie of manslaughter by reason of provocation was inconsistent with the verdicts of guilty of Gibbons and Dixon of grievous bodily harm. That was because the prosecution and the Recorder had put the case to the jury on the basis they they only had to consider the charge of grievous bodily harm if they were unsure that McKechnie's attack on Kelly had caused his death.

By the jury's verdict of guilty of McKechnie of manslaughter they appeared to be indicating that they were sure of that causation yet, so it was argued, by their resort to the section 18 offence for Gibbons and Dixon they were indicating unsureness of the causation.

Not every inconsistency between verdicts justified interference by the Court of Appeal. The well established principle was that, where there was such an inconsistency, the Court of Appeal would intervene to quash a conviction only where the appellant established that no reasonable jury could properly have reached the verdicts that they did reach: see *R v Drury* ((1971) 56 Cr App R 104) and *R v Durante* ([1972] 1 WLR 1612, 1617).

As to Gibbons and Dixon it was indeed difficult to understand how the jury could have found them guilty of the section 18 offence while at the same time finding McKechnie guilty of his manslaughter by reason of provocation.

The inconsistency resulted from the fact that Gibbons and Dixon could be guilty with McKechnie of either offence only if they had been parties to his attack on Kelly.

The jury's finding that McKechnie was or might have been provoked into his deadly attack, with the result that he was guilty of manslaughter by reason of that provocation, rendered impossible any notion of joint enterprise between him and Gibbons and Dixon to injure Kelly.

The Recorder gave no directions either in his summing up or in written questions which he handed to the jury on that important question of the effect on the alleged joint venture of a possible finding by them that McKechnie was guilty of manslaughter by provocation.

There was no basis on which the jury could find Gibbons and Dixon guilty of manslaughter or under section 18 whatever the jury's views as to causation.

As Lord Justice Edmund Davies observed in *Drury* (at p105) every case had to be considered on its own facts. It did not necessarily follow that inconsistency of verdicts requiring intervention by the court should result in the quashing of all guilty verdicts on one side or other of the inconsistency.

Where one verdict was readily explicable from the way in which the prosecution had put the case, from the evidence and from a proper direction by the judge on the law and facts, and where the second might well be attributable to the jury's attempt to do justice on the facts regardless of the constraints of the charges or to a failure by the judge to give adequate directions as to the consequences for the second verdict from a possible conclusion on the first, the court could properly form the view that only the second verdict should be quashed.

In the circumstances, their Lordships were of the view that the convictions of Gibbons and Dixon of grievous bodily harm with intent should be quashed because of inconsistency with the verdict of guilty against McKechnie of manslaughter by reason of provocation but not that that conviction of McKechnie should be quashed.

Before leaving the subject of the convictions their Lordships added a cautionary word about the provision by the Recorder to the jury of a written list of questions.

If a judge considered it necessary to supply the jury with written directions, he should prepare them and submit them to counsel for their consideration in good time before they began their closing speeches.

Where written directions were proposed and justifiable, counsel should be given the opportunity to consider them at that early stage, not, as happened in the instant case, after their closing speeches and towards the end of the summing up.

Where a judge intended to supplement his summing up by written directions he should provide them to the jury at the beginning of his summing up or at the point in it where he dealt with the directions that he had written for them. He should use the written directions as an integral part of the summing up, referring the jury to the written directions, one by one, as he dealt with the same points orally.

It was not helpful, as the Recorder did in the instant case, simply to hand the jury the written directions at the end of the summing up without taking the jury through them or relating the written material to what he had said to them.

Solicitor: CPS, Central Criminal Court Section.

Crown and its officers cannot be impleaded for contempt of court

In re M

Before Mr Justice Simon Brown

[Judgment July 26]

Neither the Crown nor its officers could be impleaded for contempt of court. Undertakings given on behalf of the Crown to courts constituted no more than unenforceable assurances resting on a matter of trust.

Mr Justice Simon Brown so held in a reserved judgment in the Queen's Bench Division when dismissing the application of M to commit the Home Office and the Home Secretary for contempt of an undertaking given on their behalf to Mr Justice Garland not to remove M from the jurisdiction and of a subsequent mandatory order requiring that M be not removed and when removed be returned to the jurisdiction.

Mr Stephen Sedley, QC and Mr Richard Scannell for the applicant; Mr John Laws and Mr Richard Gordon for the Home Secretary and the Home Office.

MR JUSTICE SIMON BROWN said that there was nothing in the intrinsic nature of the of the contempt jurisdiction which of itself precluded its application to emanations of the Crown.

There neither was nor ever had been any contempt jurisdiction over the Crown and no more over a government department or officer of the Crown acting as such than over the Crown itself.

It followed that orders against Crown departments or officers of *mandamus* or *habeas corpus*, or stay, if such were permissible, were not enforceable against the Crown by any process of compulsion; *a fortiori*, injunctions such as the mandatory order here made.

It followed too that Crown undertakings constituted no more than unenforceable assurances. Cross-undertakings in damages were perhaps *sui generis*. Although they were given to the court and were not a matter of contract between the parties the court would have no difficulty in enforcing them against the Crown to the extent permissible by section 25 of the Crown Proceedings Act 1947.

Reluctant though any court had to be to proclaim the Crown beyond the reach of its ultimate coercive power, the court was not abrogating a historic responsibility for the control of executive government; rather it was recognising that when it came to the enforcement of its decisions, the relationship between the executive and the judiciary must in the end be one of trust.

Parliament essentially made it so in 1947: the postulate implicit in sections 21 and 25 of the 1947 Act was that the Crown would be true to its obligations but if not, if it failed to observe them, it would be answerable to Parliament. It was not then given to the courts to exercise the power of punishment.

Nothing in the judgment affected the long established principle that the Crown was not merely bound in all respects to abide by the rule of law but also had to submit to the court's jurisdiction to rule on all disputed issues.

While impelled to rule that the court could not now arrogate to itself the ultimate power of enforcement, for that would be to shift the constitutional balance between the executive and the judiciary, his Lordship was confident that the Crown would continue to recognise and honour its obligations.

In proper cases undertakings ought still to be given although their true character would now be recognised. His Lordship believed they would nevertheless be scrupulously observed in future as they always had been in the past.

The present case was surely the exception which proved that rule. The respondents had on no view been contumacious.

His Lordship would not expect the court's continuing trust to be misplaced and if by chance it were, there would surely be a heavy political price to pay.

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The international resurgence of interest in helping gifted children could speed progress in state schools, **John O'Leary** reports

New hope for Britain's brightest children

PAULA YOUENS



Politics and education have tended to part company when it comes to providing for the gifted child. Teachers have always known that exceptional children need extra stimulation to fulfil their potential: the price of boredom, with insufficiently challenging work, is often classroom disruption and disillusionment. Yet special programmes and additional tuition, let alone separate schools, eat up resources that could be spent on pupils at the other end of the ability range. Just to make time for one highly intelligent in a primary school class of 30 or more requires determination and organisation from a hard-pressed teacher.

Until recently, special education for the gifted child was regarded in most Western countries as too elitist for politicians to support. A common view is that the cream will rise to the top; the best will make it on their own.

Gradually, however, attitudes are changing. Few of the 700 delegates to last week's World Congress on Gifted and Talented Children, in The Hague, believed that their countries yet catered adequately for their brightest children, but there are signs that the subject is edging its way up the political agenda.

Jacques Wallage, the socialist education minister of The Netherlands who opened the congress, told the delegates: "The Dutch government thinks that gifted pupils as a group must show to full advantage in regular education."

A German minister was also at the opening, while an Austrian counterpart attended workshops during the five-day meeting. During the previous week, the Council of Europe held a research symposium at nearby Nijmegen university, which boasts the continent's only centre for the study of the gifted. There was general agreement that education systems needed to do more to identify and cater for their top pupils.

Teachers, academics and civil servants at the symposium called for more flexible curricula, provision for by-passing school years, effective teacher training and more research.

In Britain, change is slow. Although the Special Education Act recognised high ability as an area of special needs in 1981, government funding did not follow. Money is available for slow learners, but not the gifted. Training courses have begun to address the subject, but few teachers have been taught how to stretch the highly intelligent pupil. Only five local authorities in England have officials responsible solely for gifted education. Of the 30 others that identify the subject among the responsibilities of a member of staff, several have no budget for activities with the *gifted and some are cutting provision* for financial reasons.

Some government money went into the establishment last year of a centre for the education of high ability children at Nene College, Northampton. The National Association for Gifted Children and the National Association for Curriculum Enrichment united to offer teaching materials for schools and support for families. The two organisations have since lobbied Michael Fallon, the junior education minister, for changes in teacher training after finding that most courses spent only 18 minutes a week on coping with outstanding pupils. Two course proposals have since been rejected because of insufficient time on the subject, and regulations on in-service training have been redrafted. A promised policy paper from the National Curriculum Council has yet to appear.

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British research, too, lags well behind that of the leading nations in the field. The largest grant for any study of gifted children in the past year was worth only £1,500, and the biggest project in the previous year was funded by Oxfordshire education authority. There is no university or polytechnic post dedicated to the gifted, and researchers complain that the subject does not fit into the priorities of the national funding agencies. European money is difficult to secure as grants tend to go to those with an established record in the field.

While British teams have remained frustrated, others have greatly extended the pool of knowledge about gifted children in recent years. In The Netherlands and Czechoslovakia, for example, research has highlighted the preeminent role of the mother in developing the potential of outstanding children. The Dutch study, involving 20,000 pupils in their last year in primary school, found that two-thirds of children at the top of the ability range had mothers with a university education.

Other research has shown that the top 2 per cent of pupils tend to be the first-born and to have older parents. More boys than girls are identified as outstanding, although the preconceptions of parents and schools may result in more of the top girls going unnoticed.

Most psychologists in the field now believe that while the early years are of crucial importance at least half of the potential for high intelligence is inherited.

Researchers in Canada have carried out brain scans on 11 and 12-year-olds at a school for gifted children and found that they have the same mental profile as the average 29-year-old.

Joan Freeman, a researcher at London university responsible for a 15-year study of 200 outstanding pupils, in the northwest of England, says that her experience disproves the theory that gifted children will be high achievers whatever their circumstances. Personality, rather than high intelligence, has often been the key factor in maintaining early promise.

Virtually all of the research points to the need for special attention to bring out the potential of the most intelligent children, although there is little agreement on what proportion of the population should be included.

Where to draw the line is as much a political as an educational decision, but research in The Netherlands suggests that more than 10 per cent of pupils are under-served by the primary school curriculum. In Britain, pressure groups hope to use the international resurgence of interest in gifted education to speed progress in the state system. Dr Deborah Eyre, of Oxfordshire education authority, says: "It has been considered somehow un-British to concentrate on people who are different because they are brighter than the rest, but we are sure that it is possible to provide for our brightest children in the ordinary state school."

● *National Association for Gifted Children, Nene College, Northampton NN2 7AL (0604 792300): mainly a parents' group; runs short courses.*
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Television teaching comes into focus

University hopes for audiovisual systems were never fully realised. Now the picture is changing

THE cover of the recent white paper on higher education features a picture of a satellite dish and two students looking to the skies as if useful notes might come from that direction.

A quarter of a century ago this was what was envisaged by the Brynmor Jones report on audiovisual aids in higher education. At selected universities, television studios were established to make educational programmes for teaching. During the next two decades, television permeated every area of society. But at the universities, the centres, one after another, closed.

Huge investment had been made in the technology with little idea of how it should be incorporated into education. Where there was an educational studies group, as at Surrey university, the audiovisual department was completely separate. Furthermore, the broadcasters who ran the units were often at odds with the academics who wanted to use them. Good scholarship did not necessarily make for good television.

By the time the money ran out in the early 1980s, the cost of the centres was out of all proportion to the actual support provided for teaching. Nobody was prepared to defend what seemed an expensive optional extra and the centres were pruned savagely.

The only survivor of the Brynmor Jones dream was the Open University, the bravest use of multi-media. Even here, however, critics complained that television carried only 3 per cent of the educational load yet absorbed 25 per cent of the cost.

The audiovisual centres that survived best were those such as the one at Newcastle, which had always concentrated on providing what academics needed: a first-rate photographic service and the efficient provision of slide and overhead projectors. The centre at Southampton, probably now the most successful, was built on the principle of making basic technology available for teaching. John Allen, the director, acknowledges that "if we tried to sell ourselves as being just a TV and film unit, we would collapse overnight".

Southampton was helped through the lean years by a close association with the Wessex health authority, whose teaching hospitals required a constant stream of audiovisual material for teaching, patient records and research. The financial strength of the audiovisual department is further underpinned by the cross-subsidisation of academic and commercial projects. The latter projects all have some academic basis and are in line with the university's policy of *promoting closer links with business.* Arthur Andersen, a leading management consultancy, has sponsored a video to improve undergraduates' interview techniques, and Cow & Gate, the baby-food producers, has financed a series on children's health.

The department's reputation for good management and financial prudence recently brought it responsibility for the university's central printing service. This accentuated the trend towards media convergence. The department, with the library and computer department, now forms the information group, which provides for "the use of information in all its many forms". In effect, it has become the nerve system of the university.

In the past few years, there have been important changes of attitude in higher education. Universities are starting to see themselves in teaching as being similar to research institutions, where the transmission of knowledge is as important as its acquisition. Audiovisual techniques now play a central part in staff support, in teaching the teachers how to teach.

Universities are also widening their teaching services to include extra-mural studies, refresher courses for those in industry *and in-service training. At Aston* university, the centre for extension education makes and distributes state-of-the-art educational films focusing on science, engineering and management.

New technology is providing all sorts of alluring possibilities for education. Computer cable networks can pipe video pictures around campuses. This is already in use at some west London teaching hospitals, where busy surgeons can now teach in three places at once. Videodisc technology allows thousands of pictures, moving and still, to be stored and used for computer based interactive teaching. There is even talk of satellite broadcasting being pressed into teaching use.

The lessons of the past should, however, be remembered. What the new technology offers is a wider variety of delivery mechanisms. Students, on campus, at home or in the office should be free to choose from the new technology formats the most effective way of learning. Thus the original version of the Brynmor Jones report, to extend the boundaries and possibilities *of learning, may be realised.*

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Some young people choose to spend their holiday on a classics course. Philip Howard sees how the brightest pupils play hard

MARK RATTENBURY



Greek chorus: tutor David Raeburn rehearses Euripides's *Medea* at Bryanston summer school

In this first week of sticky August, the world is away on holiday. Some truffle the fleshpots of Tuscany or Alicante. Masochists plunge into the bracing briny of darkest Ayrshire infested with wrack or worse. Meanwhile, 250 of our brightest and best young people are engaged in serious but delightful swotting at the summer school in ancient Greek at Bryanston, Dorset.

This is the 24th summer school, and it is the biggest ever. The school is organised by the Joint Association of Classical Teachers (Jact), and former students say they learnt as much in a fortnight at the summer school as they did in a year at ordinary school.

Of course, you need to be keen and clever and highly motivated, and to have learnt that learning is fun. There are 236 students this year, aged between 16 and 25. Of these, 155 are female and 81 male. Most (169) come from independent schools, but there are 22 from comprehensives, eight from sixth-form colleges and 16 from grammar schools, 16 are already at university, and five are in jobs.

They work a ferocious 12-hour timetable for a fortnight. Tutorial sessions alternate with private study, and there is an evening lecture, followed by hot chocolate or squash.

This may sound an unusual idea for a summer holiday. The students, however, are an advertisement for the system.

Petra Davis, who has just finished her first year at King's College, Cambridge, came to a summer school from a comprehensive in Hastings, East Sussex, aged 16, aided by one of the frequent bursaries, and took to it so well that she came back for two more years. She is clever, articulate, sociable and argumentative. Self-assurance sits on her like an academic cap on a professor. I expect she will go a very long way. Whatever happens, she carries for life the polish and Attic style of the Jact summer school.

For their studious hols, the scholars get the best teaching available anywhere in the entire world of scholarship. The director this summer is Keith Maclennan, of Rugby. The director of studies is Michael Atkinson, of Eton. The tutors are quite simply brilliant. The regius professor of Greek at Cambridge is performing as tutor this summer. "It is lovely to get back to real teaching," he says. "They only allow me to lecture at Cambridge."

Eminent and lively heads of schools escape from their daily duties as administrators and public relations persons, for the real pleasure and purpose of their profession: teaching clever and willing children.

Some of our liveliest dons come to Bryanston as tutors or lecturers. As well as being the best teachers in the land, there are so many that every one of them has only eight or nine students in tutorials, about as many as Socrates took on. At the end of the fortnight on Friday, the students will perform a play in Greek, this year the *Medea — Eith' ophel' Argous me diaptasthai skaphos . . . ktl* (Greek for etcetera) of that great play.

Daft old Nietzsche thought it was strange that God learnt Greek when he desired to turn author — and stranger that he did not learn it better. The Almighty should have come to the Jact summer school for that extra polish. He would not have got through the fortnight without voting with Coleridge: "It is hardly possible to conceive a language more perfect than the Greek."

Parents could be fined as a means of keeping pupils in school

The tougher line with truants

THE prime minister was right to stress in the Citizen's Charter the need to deal with truancy when in many schools one in four pupils is regularly absent. In some schools and some education authorities school attendance seems voluntary, especially for fourth-year and fifth-year secondary pupils.

A 1989 survey of attendance at three comprehensive schools in a London borough showed that the attendance of fifth-year boys was 47, 48 and 52 per cent.

The change of name of truancy officers, from school attendance officers to education welfare officers, hastened the decline in attendance. The school attendance officer knew what he had to do: to get the children into school. The education welfare officer often became a half-baked psychologist discussing pupils' real or imagined social, family and even sexual problems, instead of frog-marching them back into school.

Local education authorities also seem loath to take parents to court over their children's truancy because, I presume, they think it reflects badly on the authority. Court delays are long, so the pupil, if fifth-year, can have left school before he has to appear. Fines are also too small. In the United States prison sentences of up to 180 days, the length of the school year, have been given to parents. That certainly could prove effective.

Teachers condone truancy where four or five disruptive pupils can, through ill-discipline, ruin the education of a whole class, while their absence will allow the other 20 to 25 pupils the opportunity of GCSE successes.

The school curriculum, alas, is fixed as a set menu, which acts as a great deterrent to those who might be encouraged to attend more varied craft- and trade-orientated secondary school courses. The GCSE emphasis on project work acts as a disincentive to pupils from less caring or less concerned homes, where parents will not or cannot help their children, as against professional homes, where the projects are completed with the whole family's help. The sooner we get back to pen and paper examinations, the better for pupils from poor or deprived homes.

To solve or cut down truancy we need a more consumer-fixed curriculum, the return of school attendance officers, whose salaries are adjusted according to their schools' attendance record, and the quick and heavy fining in special courts of parents who condone their children's truancy.

Local education authorities should have to publish the attendance records of all their individual schools. These should be checked for accuracy as they were in the 1930s by visiting Her Majesty's Inspectors checking registers against the pupils present on their visits. This would again be a formidable weapon for accuracy.

The first law of schooling must never be forgotten: schooling works only if the pupil is present in the school.

We can then enforce the second law of schooling: provided pupils are sitting quietly facing the blackboard, there can be the beginnings of real learning.

SIR RHODES BOYSON

● *The author is MP for Brent North and is a former junior education minister*

NOTICEBOARD

Merger hits strike hitch

PLANS for a moderate teachers' association to rival the largest unions are in difficulties over non-strikers' rights. The Assistant Masters and Mistresses Association (AMMA) registers members unwilling to strike, but the Professional Association of Teachers (PAT) is holding out for a separate section. John Andrews, the general secretary-elect of PAT, says a conscience clause would be insufficient as the "cardinal rule" of no industrial action was the main reason why most of his 39,000 members joined.

Peter Smith, AMMA's general secretary, said last week: "What may not be enough for PAT may be all too much for AMMA." Next spring, both sides hope to ballot their members. Peter Dawson, the retiring general secretary of PAT, is optimistic and says a merged association could attract a quarter of the National Union of Teachers membership within a year, making it the biggest organisation in the field.

End of term

ANOTHER leading independent school has become a victim of the recession. Marsh Court House prep school, at Weyhill, Hampshire, has closed after parents moved their children elsewhere because they could not afford the £1,000-a-term fees. Simon Ireland, the headteacher, said last week that the company owning the school had suddenly ceased trading, and that he and his wife and the 12 staff had not yet received their pay for July.

Straw's call

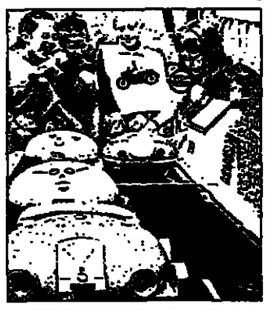
JACK Straw, Labour's education spokesman, is asking Kenneth Clarke, the education secretary, to reconsider his refusal to publish the responses to the government's further education white paper. Mr Clarke has said the 1,500 responses do not lend themselves to a tabulated analysis and were not intended to be published. Mr Straw has written to Mr Clarke saying: "It makes all the claims about openness of government which we have heard during the Citizen's Charter sound very hollow. Your suppression of these responses is also bound to give rise to suspicions that you are doing so because, in practice, there is far less support for the central takeover of further education than you have been willing to admit."

The new way

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Rules by robot

ROBOTS used in mathematics teaching have been adapted for a road safety project at Bamford primary school, Ipswich, Suffolk. The school programmed the robots to teach pupils, using a model village. Lesley Podmore, the deputy head teacher, says: "Instead of being told not to run from behind a parked car, by taking on the motorist's role they appreciate why the driver finds it difficult to see them."



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Marathon man has at least a stride to spare



Carrero: not pressurised

DAVID MILLER IN CUBA

THE opening event of the Pan-American Games, the marathon, put the clock back 95 years to the inaugural modern Olympic Games in Athens. The appropriately named Alberto Cuba Carrero, first home to a crescendo of domestic rapture, had been escorted for much of the 42 kilometre course by his five brothers and a group of friends riding on bicycles.

With a field of only 21 runners – six of whom did not finish the course, even though the start was at the relatively cool hour of 6.30 in the morning – and with the unofficial collaboration of police marshals, there was no obstruction for the winner's fan club. Much of the charm of this island is its informality.

At the Olympics of 1896, the marathon runners were escorted by cavalry, creating so much dust that the competitors could barely breathe, and one runner was accompanied by the embassy butler in bowler hat upon a bicycle.

Unlike the victory of the Greek shepherd, Louis, who came from behind to overhaul the French favourite, Cuba Carrero led from the start. But what a desperate finish it was! As the local hero approached the stadium, his lead was being erased by Jose Carlos Santana, of Brazil. The crowd and the commentators were in near hysteria as the two men circled the track, and it was only by 10 metres or so that the gold medal, individually and collectively, was Cuba's.

With a slight excess of *sang froid*, the victor said: "I was not pressurised by any particular contender, and I took great care in distributing my strength gradually." A winning margin of 0.02 per cent is absurd enough in gymnastics. Deliberately to calculate such a margin in a marathon, for a winning time of 2hr 19min 29sec, strikes me as a shade risky.

Cuba Carrero paid tribute to his fellow-Cubans and Fidel Castro. This, it must be said, was no gratuitous lip-service. These Games, whatever the Cuban medal haul in rivalry to the United States, are a triumph for the people, given their partially self-imposed austerity, their isolation from foreign capitalist investment.

I have seldom, if ever, encountered a Games at which there has been such a mood of harmony and friendliness, so much of it stemming from the agreeable hospitality of the hosts; a virtue within which the visitor must allow for considerable flexibility in schedules.

National euphoria continued with four gold medals in canoeing. Ángel Pérez Medina, aged 20, surprised everyone, not least himself, when he defeated Michael Herbert, of America, the world championship silver medal winner, by 0.23sec in the K-1 500 metres at the José Smith Comas canal; another new facility completed with only days to spare. Herbert led, but Medina overhauled him to win in 1:40.55.

Medina went on to win the K-2 500 with Luis Remón Fernández, and then the K-4 500, defeating respectively the Americans and the Canadians. The United States recovered some dignity when Kent Ferguson and Mark Bradshaw took first and second in the three-metre springboard diving at the ultra-modern pool.

The opening ceremony of the XIth Games had been, predictably, an occasion of high emotion for the Cuban people. On a crimson Caribbean evening, the ceremony was conducted with a simplicity that was both elegant and memorable. A Bulgarian choreographer blended elements of the colonial past, with damsels in huge crinolins riding in open broughams behind bowler-hatted livery men, and marching of the nineteenth-century soldiery of independence from Spain under national heroes, Antonio Maceo and José Martin.

The budget was modest, and there followed a succession of gymnastic displays, beginning with 2,000 four-year-olds whose simultaneous co-ordination and wilful disorganisation was sufficient to bring at least this grandfather near to tears. As the sun set, the daily evening thunderstorm approached, black as night, but mercifully the rain held off bar a short shower.

Amid booming thunder and lightning, Javier Sotomayor, the world high jump champion, received the Games torch at the stadium entrance from Joel Despaigne, a volleyball player.

Rising on a slanting electric stairway escalator, through the grand stand bank of 5,000 students who had created a profusion of exotic colour-card scenarios, Sotomayor ignited the stadium flame, beneath a huge rainbow that stretched from the lush distant hills of this fascinating tropical island down to the sparkling surrounding sea.

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ATHLETICS

Cram is convinced of his credentials for Tokyo success

From DAVID POWELL, ATHLETICS CORRESPONDENT, MONTE CARLO

IF, NEXT month, Steve Cram does not recapture the 1,500 metres world title he won in 1983, at least he will probably put up a fight. That much became evident here on Saturday night when he convinced himself that it would be worth his while trying, and when Said Aouita that Cram was one of the few who hold a winning chance.

Such concession from Aouita is praise indeed. The Moroccan gives small consideration to anyone but himself winning in Tokyo. However, should the unexpected happen, Aouita said, only Cram, Peter Elliott, Noureddine Morceli, Simon Doyle or a Kenyan could execute the deed.

"I am not getting excited yet," Cram said. Aouita is. "I will win in Tokyo and later I will try to break the world record," he said, arrogant as ever. Next to Aouita's comeback story, Cram's seems second-class. After eight months without any serious running, Aouita finished second here in 3min 33.28sec after only 12 weeks' training.

Cram at least had a solid winter before knee tendinitis delayed his first race of summer until a fortnight ago. In none of his three 1,500 metres races up to and including the trial had he broken 3:40, but the British selectors picked him for Tokyo anyway. Oh joy. The casino here rarely offers such quick and generous profit on a flutter, for in his first race after selection, Cram jumped from nowhere in the British season's rankings to second behind Elliott.

Cram's 3:34.96 for fourth behind Morceli (3:32.04), Aouita and David Kibet was encouraging. "I have made good progress in the last four weeks," he said. "I have got to get a couple of seconds faster. I have to make myself capable of a 50- to 51-second last lap."

For the first lap, Aouita ran at the back; when he moved up Cram was not drawn, not tempted by memories of their last meeting at the distance, down the road in Nice in 1985, when Cram broke the world record with Aouita on his tail. "I thought 'go on' but then I thought 'no, no'," Cram said. He is not ready for that, yet.

While Aouita cut a 40-metre deficit on Morceli to be in his slipstream coming off the final bend, Cram hung fire. Then, kicking from 200 metres out, he came from eighth to fourth.

His next race will be in Zurich on Wednesday, followed by a 1,000 metres against, among others, Kevin McKay at Gateshead on Friday. McKay was left out to make room for Cram, but put on standby in case the mile world record-holder felt he was not up to the task.

"At least now I have made the decision I am going," Cram said. McKay will want to show in Gateshead that there is still room for argument.

Like Cram, Tom Hanlon and Mick Hill can raise their Tokyo sights higher. Both set personal bests here. Hanlon put the disappointment of his European Cup steeplechase sixth place behind him with 8:12.58 to finish third behind the Kenyans, Julius Kariuki and William Muttwol. Hanlon is now third fastest Briton all-time, moving ahead of Graeme Fell. Hill improved his javelin best by half a metre to 86.32.

In the 200 metres, John Regis was beaten into third by Michael Johnson and Frankie Fredericks. It was Regis's first race against Johnson, the world No. 1, this season and he may face him again in Zurich.

Regis said he was entered for both sprints in Zurich and would decide about the 200 metres after the 100. "I still have a couple of technical points to work on and, by the time I get to Tokyo, they will be ironed out," Regis said.

Mistakes at the eighth and tenth flight slowed down Kriss Akabusi in the 400 metres hurdles. He was third behind Samuel Matete and Danny Harris but close enough to say: "Now I know I have got as good a chance as anybody in Tokyo."

Matete, after his Commonwealth record of 47.80sec in Sestriere three days earlier, finished clear on the Tokyo favourite, Harris, 47.87 to 48.31. "Tonight you saw that the favourite was vulnerable," Akabusi said, having equalled his season's best of 48.37. Akabusi's training partner, Roger Black, was less satisfied, finishing third in the 400 metres in 44.87, slower than he would have liked.

The performance of the beating came from Santa Monica Track Club sprint relay quartet, which equalled the world record of 37.79 set by France last year. Linford Christie would do well to watch the replays to see the good that can come from baton practice. Leroy Burrell, Mike Marsh, Floyd Heard and Carl Lewis argue that regular training as one club outfit outweighs having Dennis Mitchell, winner of the 100 metres here, in the national four.

☐ Carl Thackery, the AAA champion, failed to achieve the qualifying time for the world championships when he ran 28:55 in a 10,000 metres at Stoke on Saturday.

Gunnell finds her stride for Tokyo

From DAVID POWELL

UNTHINKABLE though it would have been after the European championships last year, Britain's women might return home from Tokyo next month with a gold medal tally comparable to the men's.

After Yvonne Murray and Liz McColgan, Sally Gunnell has joined the ranks of potential winners. If the men take three golds in Tokyo, they will consider it a job well done.

Gunnell's British record for the 400 metres hurdles, which she set, by a substantial margin, in Monte Carlo on Saturday night, has given Sandra Farmer-Patrick something more to think about than which colour tutu to wear for the final.

Farmer-Patrick, who has taken racing fashions a step closer to the styles worn by dancers in Monaco's nightclubs, enjoyed a half-second advantage over the pack until Gunnell produced a 53.78sec.

Now the gap is nothing to speak of. "Before tonight I was an outside chance to get a medal: now I have got a 50-50 chance of gold," Gunnell said. It was the big step forward for which she had been waiting two summers.

In 1988, her first season as a one-lap hurdler, Gunnell took the British record to 54.03sec, finishing fifth in the Olympic final. Sixteen months later she won the Commonwealth title, beating Debbie Flintoff-King, the Olympic champion. "I started to think, 'Why me? Can this go on?'" Gunnell said.

Suddenly she lost her hunger. Then, last summer, her footing went, too, and she slipped to sixth in the European championship. Murray was the only British woman to win gold, while the men triumphed in eight events.

The British team captain for the European Cup in Frankfurt in June, Gunnell finished second behind the Soviet, Margarita Ponomaryeva, who was well beaten in Monte Carlo. Why the improvement? "It is the first time this season I've got my stride pattern right," Gunnell, aged 25, said.

Beating her record, which dated back three years, Gunnell surprised herself as much as anyone.

"I thought if I got it right I might have got low 54s, but I did not expect 53.78. If I can do that in Monte Carlo, what can I do in Tokyo?"

☐ Trine Solberg-Hattestad, of Norway, threw 71.44 metres in the Norwegian championships in Bergen on Saturday, the best performance of the season in the women's javelin.



Gunnell: back on track

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MEN: 100m: 1, D Mitchell (US), 10.16sec; 2, B Surin (Can), 10.29; 3, E Tuffour (Ghana), 10.29. 200m: 1, M Johnson (US), 20.05; 2, F Fredericks (Nam), 20.13; 3, J Regis (GB), 20.36. 400m: 1, D Everett (US), 44.63; 2, A Valmon (US), 44.65, 3, R Black (GB), 44.87. 800m: 1, M Everett (US), 1:44.70; 2, J-L Barbosa (Bra), 1:45.21; 3, B Koncheitan (Ken), 1:45.60. 1,500m: 1, N Morceli (Alg), 3:32.04; 2, S Aouita (Mor), 3:33.28; 3, D Kibet (Ken), 3:33.28, 4, S Cram (GB), 3:34.96. 5,000m: 1, R Chelimo (Ken), 13:31.87; 2, R Nanurzar (Ken), 13:31.88; 3, C Cheruiyot (Ken), (GB), 13:31.88. 10,000m: 1, 13:33.07; 7, G Staines (GB), 13:34.33. 110m hurdles: 1, R Nehemiah (US), 13.19; 2, M McKoy (Can), 13.27; 3, J Pierce (US), 13.31. 400m hurdles: 1, S Matete (Zam), 47.87; 2, D Harris (US), 48.31; 3, K Akabusi (GB), 48.37. 3,000m steeplechase: 1, J Kariuki (Ken), 8:11.28; 2, W Mutwol (Ken), 8:11.85; 3, T Hanlon (GB), 8:12.58 (Scottish record). Long jump: 1, M Powell (US), 8.45; 2, I Myricks (US), 8.44; 3, D Hoff (Ger), 7.82. Pole vault: 1, S Bubka (USSR), 5.90; 2, G Yegorov (USSR), 5.80; 3, I Bagyula (Hun), 5.80. Javelin: 1, M Hill (GB), 86.32; 2, R Heidi (Ger), 82.36; 3, M Kaleta (USSR), 82.18; 5, C McKenzie (GB), 80.86. 4 x 100m relay: 1, Santa Monica Track Club (M Marsh, L Burrell, F Heard, C Lewis), 37.79 (equals world record); 2, Italy 38.00; 3, USSR 38.36.
WOMEN: 100m: 1, G Torrence (US), 11.12; 2, E Ashford (US), 11.20; 3, J Cuthbert (Jam), 11.22. 200m: 1, M Ottey (Jam), 21.98; 2, D Young (US), 22.24; 3, H Drechsler (Ger), 22.56; 5, S Douglas (GB), 23.56. 1,500m: 1, N Artyemova (USSR), 4:02.48; 2, H Boulmerka (Alg), 4:03.46; 3, V Beclea (Rom), 4:04.89; 4, S O'Sullivan (Eire), 4:05.81; 8, C Cahill (GB), 4:07.26. 100m hurdles: 1, N Grigorjeva (USSR), 12.84; 2, A Picquereau (Fr), 12.88; 3, F Colle (Fr), 12.92. 400m hurdles: 1, S Gunnell (GB), 53.78 (British record); 2, K Batten (US), 55.34; 3, M Ponomaryeva (USSR), 55.75. High jump: 1, H Henkel (Ger), 2.04; 2, S Kostadinova (Bul), 1.92; 3, V Ward-Browne (Aus), 1.89; 6, D Marsh (GB), 1.85. Shot: 1, N Lisovskaya (USSR), 20.80; 2, M Antonyuk (USSR), 19.12; 3, S Sipp (Ger), 19.06; 5, J Oakes (GB), 18.55.



HUGH ROUTLEDGE

Standing ovation: Spectators line the route as Wincanton classic riders climb Ditchling Beacon

Van Lancker takes initiative

By PETER BRYAN

ERIC van Lancker, who first came into prominence when he won the 1986 Milk Race, triumphed yesterday in the Wincanton World Cup Classic over a course of 146 miles which, packed with dense crowds, must have reminded him of the Tour de France.

If Britain's four-man representation was not strong enough to provide a winner, the crowds around the two South Downs circuits all day were happy to applaud the Belgian's opportunism in breaking away on his own and his strength in making the attack successful.

The winning move came with nine miles (two laps of the finishing circuit) to go. Van Lancker and Marc Madio escaped from a group of 15 but soon the Belgian felt that Madio might not be strong enough to help keep the pair ahead. His assumption was right. Madio was caught after he had been dropped by van Lancker.

The course, with five ascents of the mile-long Ditchling Beacon on the longer of the two race circuits, and nine of Wilson Avenue at Brighton, had not troubled van Lancker – except when he took a tumble on a rough stretch of road, cut his right forearm and suffered nettle stings.

"The route was the sort I liked," he said. "And I knew myself well enough to believe it right to attack two laps from the end rather than waiting for a last-lap sprint."

It was his third World Cup victory in four years and yesterday's success raised him from 23rd place to equal ninth with seven races remaining in the competition.

Although he is retaining good form after the Tour de France, he will not be riding in the world championship race at Stuttgart on August 25. "I was not even in the pre-selection list of 18," he said.

Rolf Sorensen, of Denmark, who retired after 110 miles, still heads the World Cup rankings, 12 points clear of Frans Maassen, of The Netherlands, who was tenth.

Britain's best yesterday was Robert Millar, who was 22nd, 1min 35sec in arrears. Harry Lodge finished 30 seconds later, 55th.

RESULT: 1, E van Lancker (Bel, Panasonic), 6hr 16min 05sec; 2, R Golz (Ger, Artostea), at 28sec; 3, J Goessens (Bel, Weinmanns), at 44sec; 4, G Delion (Fr, Helveba); 5, M Fondriest (It, Panasonic), 6, S Rooks (Neth, Buckler), all same time. World Cup standings: 1, R Sorensen (Den), 66pts; 2, E van Hooydonck (Bel), 56; 3, F Maassen (Neth), 55; equal 4, M Madiot (Fr) and M Fondriest (It), 54; 6, C Bomans (Bel), 49.

CYCLING

Boardman helps Wheelers' return

MANCHESTER Wheelers, led by Chris Boardman, the 5,000 metres world record-holder, regained the club team 4,000 metres pursuit title in the national track championships at Leicester on Saturday.

Boardman, Glen Sword and Scott O'Brien crossed the line in 4min 34.78sec after the fourth member of the quartet, Richard Hughes, had dropped off with just over three laps left.

The Wheelers, who held the title for nine consecutive seasons until relinquishing it to Team Haverhill last year, when Boardman was ill and Sword injured, beat the holders by 2.5sec in the final.

Team Haverhill had had to fight all the way to secure their final place. VC St Raphael, which included the juniors, Paul Jennings and Andrew Forbes, held Haverhill to 0.06sec, and took the bronze medals as fastest losing semi-finalists.

Peter Boyd and Gary Hibbert retained their tandem sprint title for a third year when they beat Mark Barry and Martin Philips in two rides in the final.

Louise Jones, the Commonwealth champion, from Wales, overcame another challenge from Claire Rushworth, of Yorkshire, to take her sixth national sprint title.

The professionals, Gary Coltman and Jon Walshaw, retained their open Madison title in the last event to be decided despite rain cutting the race short.

RESULTS: Club team 4,000m pursuit: Final: Manchester Wheelers, 4min 34.78sec bt Team Haverhill, 4:37.24. Bronze: VC St Raphael. Amateur tandem sprint: Final: P Boyd (Clayton Velo) and G Hibbert (Team Sportif Tameside) bt M Barry (Dinnington RC) and M Phillips (Wolverhampton RCC), 2-0. Bronze: A Mooney (Ellen Vennin CC) and J Seyzell (Kirkby CC). Women's sprints: Final: L Jones (GS Strada) bt C Rushworth (Manchester Wh), 2-0. Bronze: W Everson (Wolverhampton Wh) bt J Harris (Team Haverhill), 2-1. Open Madison (58km): 1, G Coltman (Raleigh) and J Walshaw (AMS-Dean Pacific), 25pt; 2, R Hughes (Manchester Wh) and S Lilistone (Team Haverhill), 17; 3, B Steel (Team Haverhill) and C Sturgess (Tulip Computers), 7. Time: 1hr 4mn 55.71sec.

☐ Britain's professional cycling body has refuted claims by the national championships organisers that Neil Hoban is suspended following his failure to appear for three races last week. Hoban was fined £50 and suspended for one calendar month by the judges at Leicester after a third offence of failing to sign on. But Chris Welton, the chairman of the Professional Cycling Association, said: "We cannot see how other parties can impose a ban without even giving the rider the opportunity of an explanation." If the suspension is confirmed, Hoban will be barred from competing in the Kellogg's Tour of Britain which starts tomorrow.

TENNIS

Cash alters game's purpose

By ANDREW LONGMORE, TENNIS CORRESPONDENT

THE fact that, for the first time, an American, Chip Turner, won the men's title at the British Open wheelchair tennis championships yesterday and that, also for the first time, a cheque for £600 went with the title are clear indications of the future of wheelchair tennis.

While there has been a healthy dose of amateurism in the competition over the past five days in Bishop's Park, Fulham, the top players are fast following the signposts to professionalism.

Attracted by the total prize-money of £2,000, funded by the Lawn Tennis Association, the fields for both men's and women's events at the second British Open were markedly stronger than last year. By finding a sponsor and increasing prize money, the aim is to make the competition even tougher, according to Ellen de Lange, the executive secretary of the International Wheelchair Tennis Federation.

"I think in a few years, just the top players will be in the Open, with smaller tournaments for other players, just as in able-bodied tennis," she said.

But not everyone is happy with the way the sport is going. Jean-Pierre Limborg, who was first responsible for bring wheelchair tennis to Europe ten years ago, feels that the original purpose of the game – "to catch the life", as he says – might be lost.

"We are not in need of the Red Cross, but nor must we forget that we are disabled, that many of us have had tough accidents and that a lot of people are living the same thing. That's what is important," Limborg said.

Yesterday, Turner overcame the No. 1 seed, Mick Connell, of Australia, who had struggled to beat the German, Kai Schrameyer, in the semi-finals, in three sets, while Monique Vanderbosch, of the Netherlands, beat another Australian, Daniela Di Toro, in straight sets to take the women's title and £300.

Yorkshire score a double success

By ALIX RAMSAY

YORKSHIRE broke through Surrey's dominance of the County Cup by winning the double for the first time at Devonshire Park in Eastbourne on Saturday.

Both the men's and the women's teams had to win on the final day to ensure an overall victory and neither side let the opportunity slip. The men beat Lancashire 6-3 while the women defeated Essex by the same margin.

The men's No. 1 pairing of Ickringill and Bishop set the pace, winning all three of their rubbers, while Henderson and Heron, who between them have played more sets of tennis this week than any other team in the group one competition, could only manage one win. But, true to form, it was a tight one as they beat Peet and Livermore 7-6, 6-7, 8-6.

The Yorkshire women's team last won the County Cup in 1963 but they found that victory was well worth the wait. It proved to be an easy enough stroll for them as they met Essex, who were battling to avoid relegation. By only winning three rubbers, Essex lost the struggle and, together with Middlesex, will compete in group two next year.

Surrey, meanwhile, will be disappointed with their third place after having won the competition for the previous six years.

RESULTS: Inter-county cup: Men: Group one: Yorkshire bt Lancashire, 6-3; Essex bt Hampshire and IOW, 6-3; Surrey bt Kent, 6-3. Group winners: Yorkshire. Runners-up: Surrey. Relegated: Lancashire, Hants and IOW. Women: Group one: Leicestershire bt Middlesex, 6-3; Yorkshire bt Essex, 6-3; Surrey bt Lancashire, 5-4. Group winners: Yorkshire. Runners-up: Leicestershire. Relegated: Essex and Middlesex.

SQUASH RACKETS

Martin beats Jahangir to take world crown

By COLIN MCQUILLAN

RODNEY Martin, of Australia, became the first player to beat both Jansher Khan and Jahangir Khan in the same tournament when winning the men's world open title in Adelaide yesterday.

Martin beat Jahangir by three games to one in the final to become the first Australian world champion since Geoff Hunt lost his crown to Jahangir in Canada in 1981.

Martin, who is ranked fifth in the world, won 14-17, 15-9, 15-4, 15-13 in 82 minutes. "I beat the world Nos. 1, 2 and 3 to get this title," he said. "You can't do better than that and I don't think I have ever played better through a whole tournament."

Hunt nurtured Martin through the Australian Institute of Squash and was in his corner during the Adelaide event. The gangling 25-year-old first crushed Jansher in straight games in the quarter-finals, then outgunned his higher-ranked compatriot, Chris Dittmar, in semi-finals before overcoming the game's greatest player.

Hunt had briefed Martin on how to break up Jahangir's usually relentless rhythm by frequently changing the pace of the game with his own shot-making patterns.

The Pakistani led throughout the 32-minute opening game until needing an error from the Australian at 13-13 to gain the initiative for the tie-break.

Martin took a 10-4 lead in the 16-minute second game, and won 15-9, then gained an 8-1 advantage in the third before winning it 15-4 in 12 minutes.

The third saw a 22-minute counter-attack from Jahangir but Martin won from 13-13 with a crashing backhand return to the nick and a backhand drop shot.

Jahangir was convinced the nick shot was down on the tin, and he did not much enjoy the physical nature of the match.

"He played well but I was scared to drop, because I knew he would barge me, and scared to push through to his drops because the referee would give him a penalty stroke," Jahangir, aged 27, said.

RESULTS: Semi-finals: R Martin (Aus) bt C Dittmar (Aus), 5-15, 15-13, 17-14, 15-13; Jahangir Khan (Pak) bt C Robertson (Aus), 15-3, 14-15, 15-6, 15-4. Final: Martin bt Khan, 14-17, 15-9, 15-4, 15-13.

☐ England's long anticipated women's world junior title arrived on schedule over the weekend when Cassandra Jackman defeated Sabine Schone, of Germany, 9-1, 4-9, 9-6, 6-9, 9-0 in Bergen, Norway.

Jackman's fear of winning played a leading part in the unexpectedly extended scoreline. "You might say I was a bit nervous in the second, third and fourth games," the 18-year-old, from Norfolk, said.

She showed no nerves, however, in the final game. In two hands and just three minutes, she opened her shoulders and brushed aside the tiring 17-year-old German to claim the title for which she has been favourite for two years.

RESULTS: Singles: Final: C Jackman (Eng) bt S Schone (Ger), 9-1, 4-9, 9-6, 6-9, 9-0. Team: Pool B: Scotland 3, Malaysia 0; Australia 3, Ireland 0.

YACHTING

Mercenaries and weed produce Britain's problems

By BARRY PICKTHALL

THE British Admiral's Cup team, lying third overall in the Champagne Mumm series this morning, brought down the standings with disappointing performances during the 187-mile Channel race over the weekend from Mike Peacock's 50-footer, Juno V (sixth) and the RAF's Two Tonner, Wings of Oracle (fourth).

The team was buoyed from sinking further only by the winning performance of Lawrie Smith's Port Pendennis in the One Ton class. Going into today's Corum Trophy Olympic race in Christchurch Bay, the Italians hold an extended six-point lead over the Americans, leaving Britain trailing a further two points astern.

"Our task is to gain three places on the Italians in each of the three inshore races this week," Iain MacDonald Smith, the British team director, said yesterday. "We need to go into the Fastnet race next Saturday either level or leading the points if we are to win the series."

The light, variable conditions experienced so far during the series has not favoured the British yachts, but, the hopes of Bill Edgerton, the team manager, were brightened by the stronger sea breeze promised for today and the narrowing isobars on the long range forecasts.

"The deficit is not insurmountable but we can't afford to give any more points away." Weed proved the biggest stumbling block during the overnight race. "I've never known it so bad," Smith said. "We had to hold Guy Barron by the ankles over the side to clear the stuff off the keel and rudder with a 10ft prodder.

"It was particularly difficult at night, because we couldn't not see it," Stuart Childerley, the Oracle skipper reported. "We were leading but within five minutes we had dropped behind Bravura [US], Rubin [Germany], Larouge [Italy] and Corum [France]."

Another problem faced by the British has been the tactics of British mercenaries advising foreign teams. Two boats, in particular, picked out for criticism have been Germany's Rubin, where Harold Cudmore is calling the shots, and the American, Two Tonner, Bravura, where David Howlett is tactician.

"Every time these two yachts get close, they tack right on us," Lawrie Smith complained. "Their tactics could cost us the Cup." Next time, the Royal Ocean Racing Club must consider banning British crews from racing on foreign yachts."

"They certainly seem to be picking our boats out," Iain MacDonald Smith confirmed. "Rubin tacked on Oracle nine times between Cowes and Yarmouth at the start of this race."

Mike Peacock's Juno lost ground at two vital marks which had nothing to do with mercenary tactics. "They made a few mistakes, overlaying EC2 and going too low at Portobello and paid for them by finishing sixth," Edgerton said. The crew also had the frustration of watching their French rivals aboard Corum and the German entry, Container, sail past in a fresher band of wind just 100 yards away.

At the finish, the winning gun went to Giorgio Carriero's 50-footer, Mandrake Krizia, for the second race in succession. With their team mates, Larouge, third among the Two Tonners and a fourth from their One Tonner, Brava, the Italians retained their lead in the series.

Their score was beaten only by the Americans after Bravura won the Two Ton class. Vibes finished a close second to Britain's One Tonner Port Pendennis and Champosa finished fourth in the 50ft class.

RESULTS: Admiral's Cup channel race: 50ft class: 1, Mandrake Krizia (G Carriero, It); 2, Wil (T Toya, Japan); 3, Corum Sephir (L Gallusseau, Fr); 4, Champosa V (K Worthington, US); 5, Container (Eduwa Belding, Ger); British: 6, Juno V (M McIntyre). Two Ton class: 1, Bravura (R Towse, US); 2, Corum Rubis (P Delhumeau, Fr); 3, Larouge (L Bortolotti, It); 4, Wings of Oracle (S Childerley, GB); 5, Rubin X11 (R Reemtsma, Ger). One Ton class: 1, Port Pendennis (L Smith, GB); 2, Vibes (D Clarke, US); 3, Zurich Forsikring (J Host, Den); 4, Brava (F de Angelis, It); 5, Corum Clemast (X Philipon, Fr). Team positions (with finishing positions of 50ft, Two Ton and One Ton yachts): 1, USA (4, 1, 2,) 30.8pts; 2, Italy (1, 3, 4,) 26.8pts; 3, France (3, 2, 5) 25.5; 4, Britain (6, 4, 1) 24.3pts; 5, Germany (5, 5, 6) 16.8; 6, Denmark (7, 8, 8) 13.5; 7, Japan (2, 8, 8) 12; 8, Australia (8, 7, 7) 7.5. Overall after two races: 1, Italy, 50.3pts; 2, USA, 44.3pts; 3, Britain, 42.3pts; 4, France, 34.5; 5, Germany, 31.7pts; 6, Denmark, 28.5; 7, Japan, 21.5; 8, Australia, 17.5.



Tidy ending: the crew of the Japanese yacht, Will, clear the decks after finishing in second place in the Admiral's Cup Channel race at Cowes yesterday

RUGBY UNION

Thorburn decides to give up red shirt

By OWEN JENKINS

PAUL Thorburn, the Wales captain and full back, has announced his retirement from international rugby. His decision comes in the wake of Wales's heaviest defeat against Australia and a period of intense personal pressure.

Thorburn won 36 caps and amassed 304 points, making him the fourth highest scorer in the world behind Michael Lynagh, Grant Fox and Michael Kiernan. He said: "I know I'll be called a rat and a quitter but that's nothing new because I'm more accustomed to abuse than support. I just don't think I had the right mental attitude to face another three months of intense pressure.

"If you don't feel right, it's best to get out. I can now concentrate on the important factors in my life, such as looking after my family and building a career with the Welsh Development Agency. I'm sorry it had to end this way. I've been tremendously proud to have been part of Welsh rugby but it's time to end the nightmare."

His decision leaves Robert Norster and Alan Davies, the respective new Wales team manager and coach, with the task of finding a replacement for Thorburn as full back and captain for the World Cup.

Thorburn has had his fair share of criticism during his career and faced challenges from several quarters, mainly from Tony Clement, of Swansea. Clement fell into the utility trap but will emerge as Thorburn's likely successor at full back.

Thorburn's captaincy has not been without controversy. His gestures after Wales's victory over England at Cardiff two years ago, and his attack on the press in the after-match dinner, were widely reported. He also took part in the South African Rugby Board celebrations two years ago.

But Thorburn will also be remembered for kicking the injury-time conversion against Australia to earn Wales third place in the World Cup four years ago and for the penalty against Ireland which won the triple crown 1988.

☐ Michael Lynagh, the record international points scorer, will join Benetton Treviso, the Italian club, after the World Cup.

EQUESTRIANISM

Monsanta earns Derby prize

By JENNY MACARTHUR

MICHAEL Whitaker and the 16-year-old Henderson Monsanta won the £33,000 first prize — the richest in European show jumping — in the Silk Cut Derby at Hickstead yesterday after gaining the only clear round out of the 43 horses in the competition.

"He's never felt better," Whitaker — who first won the competition on Owen Gregroy in 1980 — said after his outstanding round. The Irish-bred gelding, who had been suffering from a pulled muscle during the European championship at La Baule last month, never looked in danger of hitting any of the 16 fences. Whitaker, who started riding Monsanta at the end of 1988, has now won two of the sport's richest prizes with him. The first came in the £80,000 Calgary Grand Prix in 1989.

His win yesterday, after a vintage Derby, came at the expense of Tina Cassan, who had just half a time-fault on Fred Brown's Treffer and who, until Whitaker's round, looked set to become the first woman to win the competition since Alison Dawes in 1973.

"I couldn't believe it when I saw the clock," Cassan said afterwards."I was furious with myself."

Even so, the £18,00 she received as runner-up is equal to half her total winnings of last year.

The German Olympic winner, Ludger Beerbaum, faced a similar disappointment. He was competing in his first Derby with Almox Athletico and, but for a hesitation on top of the 10ft 6in Derby back, which earned him three faults, would have forced a jump off.

Perfect conditions — and a high standard of riding — produced one of the best Derbys in its 31-year history. A record eight horses completed the course on just four faults. Among these were Nick Skelton, on Alan Paul's Apollo, who saw his chances of a third Derby win fade when they hit fence 12, the Derby rail.

Peter Richardson and Rye Hill produced the most heroic round of those on four faults. The 20-year-old gelding, who has been runner-up twice, looked more like a two-year-old as he galloped around the course faulting only at fence ten.

Whitaker attributed the high standard partly to the riders' familiarilty with the course."We've learned how to ride it," he said.

That was certainly true at the Devil's Dyke, the tenth and often the most influential fence, but which many jumped clear yesterday.

Surprisingly, Joe Turi and Vital, last year's winners, were among those who failed to clear it.

Cassan had been most nervous about the Derby bank, which last year Treffer leapt down in one. Yesterday, he was the model of decorum, jumping neatly down and over the rails at the foot.

After completing her clear round, Cassan had an agonising wait as the next 22 riders attempted to match her round.

"I could hardly bear to watch Michael," she said.

Whitaker's main worry was his older brother, John, the last but one to go, on Henderson Gammon.

"He looked a bit too relaxed for my liking," Michael said as he watched him enter the ring.

But it was not John's day. Having had an unlucky slip down the bank earlier with Henderson Hopscotch, he then retired Gammon after hitting three fences.

RESULT: 1, Monsanta (M Whitaker), 0; 2, Treffer (T Cassan), ½; 3, Almox Athletico (L Beerbaum, Ger), 3.

MOTOR SPORT

Coulthard gains ground

By STEPHEN SLATER

VICTORY at Snetterton elevated David Coulthard to the lead of the British Formula Three championship after a scorching eleventh round of the series yesterday.

Coulthard, driving a Ralt-Mugen car, was forced to fight for success all the way. Starting from fourth place on the grid, he quickly climbed up to second position ahead of championship rival, Rubens Barrichello, of Brazil, and the Dutch driver, Marcel Albers, but ahead of him the fast-starting Spaniard, Jordi Gene, was the initial race leader.

A decisive move on the third lap brought Coulthard to the head of the field, but Gene maintained the pressure. Coulthard looked set to have benefited from a late race upset when Gene was forced on to the grass while passing a back-marker with four laps remaining. However, as Gene regained the track in third place, an inspired Marcel Albers shot through to take second.

Two restarts reduced the British Formula 3000 championship race at the Norfolk circuit to a battle between just eight finishers. The experienced Dave Coyne headed the Yorkshireman, Richard Dean, to the chequered flag.

RESULTS: British Formula Three championship: 1, D Coulthard (GB), Ralt-Mugen, 20 laps, 22min 41.37secs (103.23mph); 2, M Albers (Neth), Ralt-Mugen, 22:42.05; 3, J Gene (Sp), Ralt-Mugen, 22:42.19; 4, R Barrichello (Br), Ralt-Mugen, 22:44.34; 5, G de Ferran (Br), Reynard-Mugen, 22:46.74; 6, M Van Hool (Bel), Reynard-Mugen, 22:47.37. British Formula 3000 championship: 1, D Coyne (GB), Reynard-Cosworth, 28 laps, 37min 14.21sec (113.22mph); 2, R Dean (GB), Lola-Mugen, 37:30.72; 3, J Policand (Fr), Reynard-Cosworth, 37:34.58; 4, L de Palma (Sp), Reynard-Cosworth, 37:36.01; 5, M Greco (Br), Reynard-Mugen, 37:38.41; 6, G Junior (It), Reynard-Cosworth, 37:48.52.

Breezes favour Britons

From ROGER LEAN-VERCOE IN BARCELONA

SEVERINE Rees-Jones and Sue Carr confirmed themselves as the new British force in women's 470 competition in the pre-Olympic regatta here on Saturday by winning the final race of the series after leading throughout.

The 10 to 12 knots of breeze in which the final race was sailed was just the weather that had been widely forecast for the regatta, rather than the actual average of around 18 knots. This wind strength was clearly to the liking of Rees-Jones and Carr, who now finish in fourth place overall.

On the men's 470 course, Nigel Buckley and Pete Newlands were equally happy with the conditions, taking second place behind Ball and Griffiths, of New Zealand. Former world champions and members of the Richard Ellis Elite squad, they had come to Barcelona with a new boat from the Dutch builder, KD, and sails especially developed by Bruce Banks to perform at their optimum.

Instead of re-establishing themselves as the leading British crew, however, they suffered humiliation in every race from Paul Brotherton and Andy Hemmings except on this last day when the other pair slipped to fourteenth.

Brotherton and Hemmings sailed particularly well to finish fourth overall, and now take their place alongside Buckley and Newlands in the elite squad, which guarantees their funding and entry into the Olympic trials. But while Brotherton and Hemming's funding will last until the Olympic Games, Buckley and Newlands must prove themselves by finishing twelfth or better in the 470 Worlds in Brisbane, or lose their favoured funding and selection status.

In an exciting final to the Soling match racing series yesterday, Jesper Bank, of Denmark, took the gold medal, beating Kevin Mahaney, of the Unites States, 2-0. Bronze was won by Bill Hodder, of Australia, after beating Jochen Schumann, of Germany, 2-1, in the loser's final.

Yesterday's win was particularly notable for Bank who announced that he would quit Olympic Class racing after the forthcoming Olympic Games in favour of a match-racing career.

RESULTS: 470 Men: Final race: 1, G Ball and Griffiths (NZ); 2, J Buckley and P Newlands (GB); 3, O Pontheau and G Espinasse (Fr). British: 14, P Brotherton and A Hemmings. Overall: 1, S Kouwenhoven and J Kouwenhoven (Neth), 33.0pts; 2, T Tynaste and T Tynaste (USSR), 69.7; 3, H Johanssesen and P MacCarthy (Ner), 88.7. British: 4, Brotherton and Hemmings, 85.7; 16, Buckley and Newlands, 148.0. 470 Women: Final race: 1, S Rees-Jones and S Carr (GB), 2, J Isler and P Healy (US); 3, F Lebrun and O Barre (Fr). British: 24, D Jarvis and R Tribe. Overall: 1, N Bover and I Martin (Sp), 48.7pts; 2, T Zabell and P Guerra (Sp), 52.7; 3, S Meyer and K Adikofer (Ger), 56.7. British: 4, Rees-Jones and Carr, 66.7 points; 19, Jarvis and Tribe, 124.7. Finn: Final race: 1, J van der Ploeg (Sp); 2, H Lammens (Can); 3, I Vaccari (It). British: 6, R Lott. 33, J Fanstone. Overall: 1, van der Ploeg, 35.0pts; 2, Lammens, 54.0; 3, L Lemieux (Can), 55.7. British: 12, Lott, 105.7; 29, Fanstone, 188.0. Europe Class: Final race: 1, C Smedberg (Fin); 2, M Mylona (Gre), 3, N vis Dufresne (Sp). British: 4, A Lucas; 15, S Robertson. Overall: 1, D Jensen (Den), 56.0pts; 2, T Moberg (Ner), 60.1; 3, C Becker (US), 67.0. British: 12, Robertson, 109.0; 17, Lucas, 128.7. Soling match racing: Qualifiers for the final: K Mahaney, D Kern, L Mahaney (US), 4 wins; J Schumann, B Jeakel, T Flach (Ger), 3; J Bank, J Seier, S Secher (Den), 3; W Hodder, T Doming, M Mottl (Aus), 3. Eliminated: F Leon, F de Bourbon, A Vazquez (Sp), 2; R Heiner, P Burggraaff, F Hovik (Neth), 0. Final: 1, Bank, Seier, Secher, 2 wins; 2, Mahaney, Kern, L Mahaney, 0; 3, Hodder, Doming, Mottl, 2, 4, Schumann, Jeakel, Flach, 1.

Prince Philip off to a rough start

By ALIX RAMSAY

THE Duke of Edinburgh has not made the best of starts to Land Rover Cowes Week. Racing Yeoman XXVIII in the Sigma 38 class he finished fifteenth on Saturday after a misjudgment at the starting line.

Yesterday, he failed to improve on his less-than-impressive opening performance when, 45 minutes into the race for the Muir Cup, Yeoman XXVIII ploughed into Browndown buoy to the east of Cowes and was forced to retire.

King Constantine, of Greece, was at the helm, with Prince Philip looking on, when the yacht hit the buoy. A spokesman for the race judges said: "It's unfortunate, but if you strike a marker buoy, then the rules state you have to retire."

Stephen Bailey and Arbitrator had no such trouble, taking the class win 69 seconds ahead of David May's Wayward, in second place.



Prince Philip: hit buoy

In the main race of the day, the class twos were competing for the Albert Morson Cup, where the J39s ruled the waves, taking the top three places. David Walters christened his new boat, Jackdaw, by taking the trophy, enlisting the help of his wife, son and daughter as crew.

They came home 54 seconds ahead of Philip Tolhurst's Warlord, helmed by the former Olympic gold medal winner and Admirals Cup veteran, Iain MacDonald-Smith.

Mark Cooper, aboard Yes!, recovered from a poor start to chase them all the way to the finish, taking third place, two-and-a-half minutes behind Warlord.

Stephen Fein, on Full Pelt, followed up on his success of last year in the Etchells to win his first race of this Cowes week with an impressive five-minute lead over Robert Watson and Meglamelis, who just snatched second place, ten seconds ahead of Chris Jago's Flamboyant.

In the Sigma 33 class, Ken Trench made a flying start to the week in Chaser, helmed by Jonty Sherwill. Last year they came second overall in the class, but, contrary to the name of the boat, they are leading from the front with two wins out of two so far.

They came in 1min 33sec ahead of the former Sonata champion, Doug Harckham, who is having his first taste of life in the 33s this year.

RESULTS FROM COWES

Saturday
Royal Southampton YC Regatta

IOR: Class 1 (Queen's Cup): 1, Red Stripe (D Wood); 2, HRG 5 (U Matthiesen, Ger); 3, Eagle F1. (T Todd). CHS: Class 2 (Armitage Cup): 1, Yes! (M Cooper); 2, Outsinger (H and P Dodd); 3, Warlord (P Tolhurst). Class 3 (Southampton Cup): Fiona of Burnham (D Geaves); 2, Sandettie (J Kryssman); 3, Panic III (B Letin). Class 4 (Rear Commodore's Bell): 1, Flair II (J MacGregor); 2, Nokomis (S Lawrence); 3, Vivax (K Verlare). Class 5 (Papillon Decanter): 1, Leda (D Brown and F Bergman); 2, Burhou (C King); 3, Owl (P Bruce). Class 6 (Ivor Creek Trophy): 1, Trocar (D Monro-Kerr); 2, Pluto (R Adams); 3, Throbber (B Watkins). Lightwave (Viscount Marchwood Cup): 1, Alvine IX (H Evans); 2, Parthia (P Fairlie-Clarke); 3, Expedite (J Elridge). Sigma 38 (Spershatt Trophy): 1, Impudence (M Strange); 2, Wayward (D May); 3, Arbitrator (S Bailey). Sigma 33 (Bowring Rose Bowl): 1, Chaser (K Trench); 2, Sigmatic II (D Banner); 3, Solitude Too (P and A Taylor). Contessa 32 (Saturday Cup): 1, Blanco (T Varner); 2, Trader Jo (F Gresham); 3, Super C (P Curties). SCOD (Lorna Cume Cup): 1, Tuonela (R Harding); 2, Mahogany Log (A and P Hitt); 3, Tio Pepe (R Earnshaw-Brown).

J24 (Pussers Rum Trophy): 1, One Hundred (J Setterberg, Swe); 2, Digaridoo (T Spalding); 3, Smokey Joe (J Clarke). Sonata: 1, Impromptu (P Sonksen); 2, Cadenza (J Frey); 3, Fruesli II (D Riley). Darting (A W Barlow Cup): 1, Damsel (T Sheldon and A Matusch); 2, Doublet (R Syme); 3, Dolphin (K Newman). Etchells: 1, Sunshine (A Walters); 2, Jessica (R Power); 3, Right On Cue (C Kimpton). Dragon (Commodore's Trophy): 1, Domino (P Morton); 2, Mayfly (E Williams); 3, Monica (I Coryn). Swallow (Captain's Prize): 1, Echo (C Body); 2, Marengo (M Ewart-Smith); 3, Goosander (M Upton). Redwing: 1, Lady Lastitia (E DeKort); 2, Capercaillie (R Nainby-Luxmoore); 3, Quail (J Peel). Sunbeam (Anne Phillimore Trophy): 1, Santa Baby (M Williamson); 2, Melody (Cder J Ford); 3, Penny (S Olszowski). Mermaid: 1, Adastra (N Dobbs and W Edwards); 2, Cynthia (A McCullough); 3, Sirena (A Christie). Flying 15 (Michelmore Trophy): 1, Float Fthinking (H and M Watsh); 2, John's Folly (N Kidd); 3, Filipinhak (J Corby). XOD (Hiscock Cup): 1, Starlight (S Grew); 2, Carled (D and N Peter Mossman); 3, Moonfleet (H, A and T Mallery-Pratt). Squib (Georgian Tray): 1, Insatiable (J and L Bibby); 2, Blue Nile (J and R Lowell); 3, Nearly Famous (T and H Boyd).

Yesterday
Royal Thames YC Regatta

IOR: Class 1 (Glazebrook Trophy): 1, Red Stripe (D Wood); 2, HRG 5 (U Matthiesen, Ger); 3, Advocate (J Taylor). CHS: Class 2 (Morrison Cup): 1, Jackdaw (D Walters); 2, Warlord (P Tolhurst); 3, Yes! (M Cooper). Class 3 (Coupe Vase): 1, Saxon Girl (R Boulter); 2, Sandettie (J Kryssman); 3, Panic III (B Letin). Class 4 (Burt Cup): 1, Flair II (J MacGregor); 2, Nokomis (S Lawrence); 3, Diversity (C Marsh). Class 5 (Victory Trophy): 1, Great Eastern (C Mille); 2, Once Again (J Samzun); 3, Owl (P Bruce). Class 6 (Williams Salver): 1, Transition (R Beitliakl); 2, Trocar (D Monro-Kerr); 3, Chalot (M Moody). Lightwave (Newport Citizen's Cup): 1, Marionette (C Dunning); 2, Ryline IX (H Evans); 3, Expedite (J Eldridge). Sigma 38 (Muir Cup): 1, Arbitrator (S Bailey); 2, Wayward (D May); 3, Windwhistler (D Davis).

Sigma 33 (Campion Lauder Trophy): 1, Chaser (K Trench); 2, Auditrac (D Hardaman); 3, Obsession (C Sandison). Contessa 32 (Minerva Bowl): 1, Super C (P Curtis); 2, Aristophenes (G Kerry); 3, Trader Jo (F Gresham). SCOD (Messer Cup): 1, Mahogany Log (A Hitt); 2, Mister Jingle (T Robinson); 3, Tuonela (R Harding). Daring (Thornycroft Cup): 1, Dolphin (K Newman); 2, Dauntless (P Porter); 3, Audax (P Romer-Lee). Etchells (Southampton Corinthian YC): 1, Full Pelt (J Richardson); 2, Meglamelia (R Watson); 3, Flamboyant (C Jago). Swallow (Thornycroft Cup): 1, Panther (G Harris); 2, Archon (J Vernon); 3, Blue (I Butler). Redwing (Thornycroft Cup): 1, Red Gauntlet (V Stratton); 2, Stelvin (T Montagu Douglas-Scott); 3, Prawn (M Andrese).

Flying 15 (Holt Cup): 1, Flawless (I Coryn and J Morris); 2, True Colours (M Dixon and S Scriven); 3, Filipinhak (J Corby). Squib (Grog Tub): 1, Super Kipper (J Mobbs); 2, Atom (G Jordan); 3, Blue Nile (J and R Lowell). Victory (Eagle Trophy): 1, Zingara (A Storey); 2, Christina (N Chandler); 3, Zarena (Y Vack and M Meksell). J24 (Prince of Wales Cup): 1, Smokey Joe (J Clark); 2, Didgeridoo (T Spalding); 3, Joker (S Dyter). Sonata (Neal Junior Cup): 1, Cadenza (J Frey); 2, Bagatelle (M Treadway); 3, Pipesqueak (C Woodman). Dragon (Solent Trophy): 1, Domino (P Morton); 2, Ganymede XI (P Wilson and A Cassell); 3, Monica (I Coryn). Sunbeam (Bell Cup): 1, Santa Baby (M Williamson); 2= Ecstacy (S Stoddard); 3, Melody (Cdr J Ford). Mermaid (Edwards Cup): 1, Zara (R Holbrook and R Carritt); 2, Adastra (N Dobbs); 3, H Altuf (A Sheet). XOD (RTYC Cup): 1, La Mouette (R and J Webb); 2, Myrtia (D Lee); 3, Satu (W Bewes and D Fisher).

BOWLS

Line recovers to take the singles prize

By DAVID RHYS JONES

WENDY Line, of Southampton, the 1986 Commonwealth Games singles champion, won the Liverpool Victoria English Women's Bowling Association two-wood singles championship at Royal Leamington Spa on Saturday, overturning not only Jean Baker's four shots lead, but also the result of the 1989 four-wood final, which the Alfreton woman won easily.

Catherine Anton, of Peterborough, won the junior singles for the fourth time. Her rivals will be glad to know she will be too old to defend next year.

Dora Farman and Joan Campbell, of Tonbridge, beat the favourites, Jackie Turner and Brenda Atherton, of Carlton Conway, Nottinghamshire, in the pairs final, while Sally and Lilian Smith, of North Walsham, the Sun Life mother and daughter pairs champions, won their third national title in seven days.

Kay Martin, of Atherley, saw Shirley Sullivan, of Woodley, Reading, overtake her, then came back from 15-20 to win 21-20 in the Henselite champion of champions final.

☐ England beat Wales by two shots in the junior international match at Cardiff, thanks to a five from the rink skipped by Steve Tuohy, of Surrey, and a cliff-hanging shot from Geoff Hufton, of Nottingham.

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SWIMMING

Gillingham shows the way

By CRAIG LORD

NICK Gillingham raced to a win yesterday and delighted the Leeds crowd at the national championships with a display of excellence that left no one doubting his determination to retain the European 200 metres breaststroke title at Athens in two weeks' time.

If the Birmingham swimmer were a car, he would be a Lamborghini. Led for three-quarters of the way by Richard Maden, Gillingham changed gear with 30 metres to go and passed the Rochdale schoolboy with astonishing smoothness and speed. His winning effort, in 2min 15.46sec, pulled Maden to a best time of 2:17.40.

In winning the European title at Bonn two years ago, Gillingham equalled the then world record of 2:12.90. He may have to do the same this time, given the superb form of Norbert Rozsa, the Hungarian who leads the world at 100 metres and is second in the 200 metres, just ahead of the Briton.

Gillingham, whose workload in the water has been heavier than ever before this year, praised his young pretender. "What a talent. I'll have to watch him next year at the Olympic trials. He's improving all the time and should make the final in Barcelona."

While selectors will have no difficulty in choosing Maden for both the 100 and 200 metres for Athens, they have left themselves a serious dilemma; the qualifying time they set for the women's 400 metres medley relay is the British record, which also happens to be two seconds faster than any European team has swum this year.

Assured of selection are Kathy Read, who added the 100 metres backstroke to her wins in the 50 and 200 metres last night, Madeleine Campbell and Lorraine Coombes. But Karen Pickering, Britain's leading sprint freestyler, fell 0.02sec short of the target.

With Pickering, the team stands a strong chance of winning a medal in Greece. Without her, despite the possible presence of Alison Sheppard, the Scot who has qualified at 50 metres freestyle but who lags 1.5sec behind her English rival at 100 metres, chances of success are slim.

Certain of a place in the British team are Martin Harris and Mike Fibbens, who helped take Barnet Copthall's tally of individual national titles to nine last night.

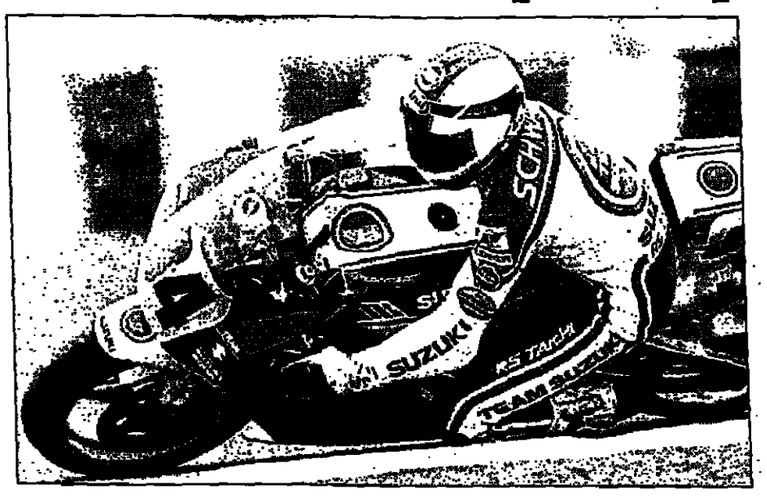
RESULTS FROM LEEDS

SATURDAY: Men: 200m individual medley: 1, J Davey (City of Leeds), 2min 05.12secs; 2, P O'Sullivan (Hillingdon Borough), 2:06.36; 3, J Kerr (Warrender), 2:08.38. 50m backstroke: 1, M Harris (Barnet Copthall), 27.27; 2, S Handley (RTW Monaco), 27.56, 3, C Kapp (Swiss Cottage), 28.03. 100m breaststroke: 1, A Moorhouse (City of Leeds), 1.03.30; 2, R Maden (Rochdale Aquabears), 1:04.43; 3, J Pannick (City of Leeds), 1:03.61; 4, N Gillingham (City of Birmingham), 1:03.98. 100m freestyle: 1, M Fibbens (Barnet Copthall), 51.09; 2, A Shortman (Barnet Copthall), 52.26; 3, P Howe (City of Birmingham), 52.60. 400m medley relay: 1, Portsmouth Northsea, 3:59.85; 2, Stockton Aquatics, 4:03.85; 3, City of Leicester, 4:03.69. Women: 50m backstroke: 1, K Read (Barnet Copthall), 30.39 (British record); 2, S Pape (Mercury Wigan Wasps), 30.71; 3, E Tattam (Bradninell), 31.24. 100m breaststroke: 1, L Coombes (City of Southampton), 1:11.98; 2, J Hill (Cumbernauld), 1:12.29; 3, R Swain (City of Derby), 1:14.77. 200m freestyle: 1, R Gillilan (City of Dundee), 2:04.14; 2, K Pickering (Ipswich), 2:04.24; 3, J Coull (City of Birmingham), 2:05.93. 200m individual medley: 1, Z Long (Beckenham), 2:20.58; 2, L Findlay (Kelly College), 2:22.46; 3, H Slatter (Warriors of Warrington), 2:23.25. 400m freestyle relay: 1, Nova Centurion, 4:00.25; 2, Portsmouth Northsea, 4:01.91; 3, City of Southampton, 4:02.57.

YESTERDAY: Men: 100m backstroke: 1, M Harris (Barnet Copthall), 57.84; 2, M O'Connor (Bolton Metro), 58.08; 3, A Polley (Portsmouth Northsea), 59.57. 100m butterfly: 1, M Fibbens (Barnet Copthall), 58.42; 2, R Lakshman (Leeds), 58.58; 3, A Li (HK), 57.12. 200m breaststroke: 1, N Gillingham (Birmingham), 2:15.46; 2, R Maden (Rochdale Aquabears), 2:17.40; 3, N Hudghton (Dundee), 2:20.08. 200m freestyle: 1, P Howe (City of Birmingham), 1:51.89; 2, S Mellor (Saltaitte), 1:53.32; 3, A Clayton (Leeds), 1:54.40. 400m freestyle relay: 1, City of Leeds, 3:33.52; 2, City of Cardiff, 3:35.71; 3, Portsmouth Northsea, 3:37.03.

Women: 100m backstroke: 1, K Read (Barnet Copthall), 1:04.39; 2, S Pape (Mercury Wigan Wasps), 1:04.56; 3, J Deakins (Gloucester City), 1:05.25. 100m butterfly: 1, M Campbell (Portsmouth Northsea), 1:03.00; 3, N Kennedy (Nova Centurion), 1:03.57; 3, H Jepson (Borough of Kirklees), 1:04.44. 100m freestyle: 1, K Pickering (Ipswich), 57.85; 2, A Sheppard (Mingawie and Bearsden), 58.72; 3, R-Gillilan (Dundee), 59.22. 200m breaststroke: 1, J Hill (Cumbernauld), 2:38.48; 2, S Brownedon (Birmingham), 2:38.98; 3, C Kerr (City of Newcastle), 2:40.13. 400m medley relay: 1, City of Southampton, 4:24.57; 2, Nova Centurion, 4:27.64; 3, Portsmouth Northsea, 4:30.54. BB Jube trophy (Swimmer of the meet): K Read (Barnet Copthall).

Schwantz's championship hopes kept alive



Record run: Schwantz on his way to setting the fastest lap at Donington yesterday

KEVIN Schwantz yesterday kept his world championship challenge alive with his third consecutive British 500cc motorcycling grand prix win at Donington Park.

It was the American's fourth victory of the season, the same number as the world champion and overall leader, Wayne Rainey, and consolidated his third place in the world championship standings.

Rainey, on a Yamaha, was a close second. He had led for most of the race but could not hold off Schwantz, on a Suzuki, who swept past two laps from the finish and edged away.

Schwantz had earlier smashed his own lap record, speeding round at an average speed of 96.1mph. Michael Doohan, of Australia, was never in contention and was happy to finish third on his Honda. He lags ten points behind the champion overall. "I have to take my hat off to Kevin," Rainey said.

"He rode one hell of a good race." Rainey, who made a disastrous start to the race and was down in fifth position after the first lap, also criticised the new points system under which riders' two worst results are dropped to make the championship closer.

Rainey leads Doohan by 185 points to 175 overall, but is only three ahead under the new system.

Niall Mackenzie, of Britain, making a one-race comeback on a Yamaha after being dismissed by Suzuki last season, got his revenge. He finished seventh, one place ahead of Didier De Radigues, the Belgian who replaced him as Schwantz's team-mate.

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Beau Quest poised to complete treble

MICHAEL PHILLIPS

AS HORSES cannot talk, we are left to guess why some show improved form after moving to a new stable.

A change of scenery, altered daily routine, different work on the gallops and a new diet may well contribute to improved performances.

In the case of Beau Quest, who is my selection to win the Armstrong Memorial Challenge Cup at Ripon today in the hands of Alan Munro, it is possible that a dose of good old Yorkshire air could have done the trick.

When he was trained in Staffordshire by Reg Hollinshead Beau Quest was consistent, but he had not won since April of last year until he joined Robert Woodhouse's Yorkshire stable.

Since the switch Beau Quest has won two of his three races over more or less today's trip, and he has looked in particularly good heart in the process.

To win again today he will need to have maintained that progress because the opposition, which includes Smart Blade, Eire Leath-Sceal and Duggan, looks strong.

Duggan is a particularly tough nut to crack when in form, as he showed at Beverley and Carlisle last month. But I think that a revitalised Beau Quest will be equal to the task.

For Munro, it could easily amount to the second leg of a double, instigated by Rapporteur winning the Tommy Shedden Challenge Trophy.

Better known for his exploits on the all-weather track at Lingfield, the Charles Elsey-trained five-year-old ran well enough behind Taylor's Realm at Sandown last time out to suggest that a prize such as this could be his for the taking.

At the Nottingham evening meeting, I give Mark Johnston a good chance of landing a treble with Kingsley (5.45), Baileys By Name (6.15) and Hinari Televideo (7.15). Considering that nearly half his 40-strong string is coughing the Middleham trainer has done well to send out 20 winners already this year, a figure that is only eight short of his previous best total.

Kingsley, who was his twentieth winner at Catterick Bridge last Wednesday, is taken to follow up by capturing the Cotgrave Miners Welfare Trust Selling Stakes while Baileys By Name does not look overburdened in the Clipstone Miners Welfare Nursery Handicap judged on the way that she romped in at Doncaster last time.

Hinari Televideo appeals as a sporting nap to win the Tote Nottingham Stewards' Cup.

After being covered and tested in foal to Sharpo, this fast mare came into training later than most this season. As a result, it was quite a rush to get her to the post for the Stewards' Cup proper at Goodwood last Tuesday fit enough to do herself justice.

In the circumstances Hinari Televideo ran an extremely fine race to finish eighth, only a length out of the money.

That run hinted strongly that she is fast approaching her peak form of last August when she beat the useful Resolute Bay to win a valuable Newcastle handicap.

Pipe gives warning on record attempt

MARTIN Pipe, who saddled his first winner of the new jumping season at Newton Abbot on Saturday, afterwards had bad news for punters who have backed him to beat last season's record tally of 230 winners.

Hill's opening price of 5-1 against Pipe beating the total is now down to 5-2 after strong support over the weekend.

But Pipe, who usually mops up many of the early-season events in the West Country, is adamant that there is a change of plan this year.

After saddling The Blue Boy to win the juvenile hurdle, he said: "It's nice to get off the mark, but I'm definitely not aiming to break any records this season. I've got very little early-season ammunition and a lot of soft-ground horses.

He added: "It will be about three months before I start running any of my best ones."

The biggest cheer at the meeting was reserved for Peter Hobbs, who celebrated his return to the saddle after a brave recovery from a broken neck by riding Green Island to victory in the novices' chase.

□ Amateur rider Sharron Mungatroyd broke her neck after a fall at Bangor on Friday. A spokeswoman for Gobowen Hospital in Oswestry, where Miss Mungatroyd is being treated, said the jockey's condition remained "poorly but stable" though "the prognosis is good." It is too early to determine whether she has been paralysed.

Saratoga Source to shine

FROM OUR IRISH RACING CORRESPONDENT, DUBLIN

THE Michael Bell-trained Redcar winner Good Reference (Lester Piggott) and Ian Balding's Sandown scorer Saratoga Source (Ray Cochrane) provide a double English challenge on the Ir£15,000 Rochestown EBF Stakes for fillies at Leopardstown today.

Polly's Glow, narrowly beaten by Vasarelli on her debut, is considered by Jim Bolger to be his most fancied runner of the day here and she could be the danger to Saratoga Source, who put up a smart performance when beating Hidden Laughter by one-and-a-half lengths with Good Reference a further two-and-a-half lengths away in third place.

Earlier in the day, Cochrane also partners You Know The Rules for Mick Channon in the Ir£15,000 Brownstown Stud Stakes. She is chasing a treble after defeating Fire Top (gave 9lb) by one-and-a-half lengths in the Royal Hong Kong Handicap at Sandown Park last month.

Snurge eyes Deauville before Arc challenge

By CHRISTOPHER GOULDING

SNURGE, who finished third behind Saumarez in last year's Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe, will have his preparatory race in the Grand Prix de Deauville Lancel on August 25 before a second attempt at Europe's richest prize.

Snurge, the winner of last year's St Leger before failing by one-and-a-quarter lengths to catch Saumarez, will be attempting to spoil a fourth successive victory for his stable companion Generous in the mile-and-half contest.

"We have Snurge in the Geoffrey Freer at Newbury," explained Paul Cole. "But I'm favouring the Deauville race. He will not have another outing before the Arc."

The gawky chestnut, who has always looked as if he would develop into a better four-year-old, was due to meet Generous for the first time in the King George VI And Queen Elizabeth Diamond Stakes, but was ruled out of the race because of stiffness.

Now fully recovered and working with zest on the Whatcombe gallops, the sparingly-campaigned colt has had the Arc as his main objective ever since last October's defeat at Longchamp.

"It will be a fascinating clash," said the colt's rider Richard Quinn, who lost the mount on Generous through Alan Munro's appointment to ride for Fahd Salman.

Quinn continued: "Generous obviously will be a tough nut to crack, but I will be doing my hardest to crack him. Three-year-olds have a good record in the Arc. They showed that last year when they filled the first three places.



Quinn: enjoyed fine double at Goodwood

"Last year, my horse beat the King George VI winner Belmez fair and square so I am more than hopeful. Also, he has now really strengthened up."

Despite the loss of the lucrative rides in the dark green Salman colours, Quinn is still maintaining a high profile.

The Scot was in splendid form at Goodwood on Saturday, completing a double for Paul Cole on Ruby Tiger and Marine Diver to bring his total for the season to 54.

Cole, displaying his incredible dexterity for saddling winners this season, was clearly delighted with Ruby Tiger, who turned the Vodafone Nassau Stakes into a procession. Shamshir, runner-up in the Oaks, was her nearest pursuer, seven lengths adrift.

The little grey's performance was even more meritorious as she had bruised her foot on Wednesday. "We only decided to run at 8.30 this morning after she did a canter," reported Cole.

Ruby Tiger, a winner in five different countries for her owner the former National Hunt jockey and sculptor Phillip Blacker and his wife, Sue, will now go for the Beverly D Stakes in Chicago.

A second attempt at winning the E P Taylor Stakes in Toronto is also on the agenda, which will be followed by the Japan Cup.

"If they are sound and fit why not race them?" commented Cole. "I'm trying to win half a million with her. She has now won over £400,000."

Cole, who has now taken his own prize-money haul for the season to over £1 million, is quietly entertaining hopes of becoming the season's leading trainer for the first time.

"Never in my wildest dreams did I think it was possible," said Cole. "Michael Stoute is the one I fear. I really need another group one winner."

Zoman could increase Cole's lead at Haydock Park on Saturday when he lines up for the group three Burtonwood Brewery Rose Of Lancaster Stakes.

Dick Hern, who is currently enjoying a tremendous run of success, also completed a double on the Sussex track with Basma and Ijtihaad.

Basma made an encouraging debut in the Vodapage Maiden Stakes and Ijtihaad made a quick reappearance, after winning at Ascot last weekend, to take the Racal Chesterfield Cup.

"Ijtihaad could be a Cambridgeshire horse but I fear the handicapper may now clobber him." said Hern. "The Cambridgeshire is a race I have never won. I thought I might win it with Proud Chieftain after I had won the Cesarewitch with Avon's Pride in 1961, but the owner, Major Holliday, did not want to run."

Carson, the successful rider of the Hern pair, brought his tally to five winners at the five-day meeting, which enabled him to clinch the Ritz Club Trophy for the leading rider at the meeting for a fifth time.

Goodwood crowds up

GLORIOUS Goodwood bucked the trend of lower attendances during its five-day festival last week to the delight of racecourse officials (Richard Evans writes).

Substantial increases in the number of spectators on Friday (up 13.5 per cent to 16,594) and on Saturday (up 20.4 per cent to 19,225) enabled Goodwood to record an overall increase in total attendances of just under two per cent over 1990.

The festival attracted 92,898 customers, around 1,500 more than last year and, significantly, the daily paid attendances (which excludes annual members and all complimentaries) were more than five per cent up on 1990.

RIPON

MANDARIN: 2.30 Super Rocky. 3.00 Rapporteur. 3.30 Lapland Lights. 4.00 Beau Quest. 4.30 Swordstick. 5.00 Big Hand.

THUNDERER: 2.30 Super Rocky. 3.00 Rapporteur. 3.30 Danka Lad. 4.00 Smart Blade. 4.30 Swordstick. 5.00 Saddlehome.

MICHAEL SEELY: 3.00 Rapporteur.

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 4.00 DUGGAN (nap). 4.30 Tohamah.

GOING: FIRM (WATERING) DRAW: NO ADVANTAGE SIS

2.30 SEE-SAW CLAIMING STAKES (2-Y-O: £2,447: 5f) (7 runners)

1	(6)		TALENTED TING (M Wickens) P Haslam 8-8	Dean McKeown		—
2	(5)	212	SUPER ROCKY 82 (D,BF) (J Nixon) J Berry 8-8	J Carroll		95
3	(3)	412	BOULABAS 17 (D,G) (M Duffy) M O'Neill 8-1	J Fortune	●	99
4	(4)	443335	AHURA 24 (A Boots) N Tinkler 8-0	Kim Tinkler		96
5	(2)	0	THRKLEBY 79 (J Hetherton) J Hetherton 7-13	L Charnock		—
6	(7)	0000	JODIE BOBS 21 (H Chay) R Woodhouse 7-10	Paul Burke		—
7	(1)	5050	GYMCRAK DANCER 12 (Gymcrak Thoroughbred IV Plc) M H Easterby 7-8	J Lowe		90

BETTING: Evens Super Rocky, 6-4 Boulabas, 15-2 Ahura, 14-1 Talented Ting, Gymcrack Dancer.

1990: SHEPHERD'S SONG 9-3 D Nicholls (3-1 fav) W Pearce 13 ran

FORM FOCUS

SUPER ROCKY 2nd beaten 8l by Ernestan (levels) at Doncaster (5f, good to firm). BOULABAS kept on well when 2nd beaten 8l by Nifty Fifty (gave 3lb) at Thirsk (5f, firm). AHURA 5th beaten 12l by Toshibe Comet Star (gave 11lb) at Hamilton (5f, soft). GYMCRAK DANCER 8th of 11 to Baileys By Name (rec 2lb) at Doncaster (5f, good to firm); earlier 5th beaten 8½l by Gamelan (rec 1lb) at Catterick (7f, firm). Selection: BOULABAS

3.00 TOMMY SHEDDEN CHALLENGE TROPHY (Handicap: £3,321: 1m 1f) (12 runners)

1	(5)	00R30-R	GOD BLESS YOU 7 (S) (S Aldhalfa) W Carter 4-9-10	T Williams		93
2	(9)	104322	HABETA 9 (C,F,G) (K Bloodstock) J Watts 5-9-10	Dean McKeown		96
3	(12)	403013	SIR DANIK 9 (F) (F Lee) F Lee 3-9-5	S Parks		95
4	(1)	004045	RAPPORTEUR 18 (F) (R Berenson) C C Elsey 5-9-1	A Munro	●	99
5	(6)	466420	WESTFIELD MOVES 24 (V,F,G) (A Walsley) H Collingridge 3-8-13	V Smith		96
6	(11)	631044	GENAIR 23 (B,C,F) (N Pirth) G Moore 5-8-11	A Cruz		97
7	(7)	023162	MISS SARAJANE 10 (D,F,G,S) (G Smyth) R Hollinshead 7-8-10	G Hind		94
8	(2)	44-0064	DALEY BRIOCHE 41 (S) (G Cole) P Haslam 3-8-8	M Wigham		90
9	(3)	300-001	TARDA 28 (C,G) (Mrs D Horner) Mrs G Reveley 4-8-3	J Lowe		91
10	(4)	010331	TOP SCALE 13 (B,D,F) (A Black) J Hetherton 5-7-12	L Charnock		95
11	(10)	000-45	OWLANDISH 25 (J Hall) M O'Neill 3-7-7	J Quinn		95
12	(8)	630048	SHALFA 13 (R Olgiata) E Incles 4-7-7	Kim Tinkler		93

Long handicap: Shalfa 7-5.

BETTING: 4-1 Tarda, 5-1 Top Scale, 11-2 Rapporteur, Habeta, 7-1 Sir Danik, 15-2 Miss Sarajane, 10-1 others.

1990: PRICELESS FANTASY 3-8-12 W R Swinburn (5-2) J Fanshawe 5 ran

FORM FOCUS

HABETA 2nd beaten a sh hd by Avishayes (rec 15lb) at Newcastle (1m 1f, firm). SIR DANIK 3rd beaten 2l by Green Turban (gave 16lb) at Newcastle (1m, firm) RAPPORTEUR 5th beaten 3l by Taylor's Realm (rec 34lb) at Sandown (1m 2f, good to soft). WESTFIELD MOVES 10th to Dagon (rec 13lb) at York (1m 205yd, good), earlier 2nd beaten ¾l by Last Lion (gave 7lb) at Redcar (1m 1f, good). GENAIR 4th beaten 2½l by Jubran (rec 11lb) at York (7f 202yd). MISS SARAJANE hd 2nd to Spanish Verdict (rec 1lb) at Carlisle (7f 214yd, firm). DALEY BRIOCHE 5½l 4th to Nagean (gave 19lb) at Yarmouth (7f, good). TARDA beat Gent Bleu (gave 14lb) sh hd here (1m). TOP SCALE beat Master Ofthe House (gave 7lb) with SHALFA (rec 1lb) last of 8 beaten 9½l at Redcar (1m 1f). Selection: HABETA

3.30 GO RACING IN YORKSHIRE HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £3,211: 6f) (8 runners)

1	(5)	0-01603	SACQUE 38 (D,F,G) (Sir W McAlpine) D Morley 9-7	B Raymond		96
2	(4)	20-120	LAPLAND LIGHTS 25 (D,G) (Dr M Smurfit) A Stewart 9-7	M Simpson (7)		97
3	(7)	5-01424	GLENFIELD GRETA 16 (D,F) (P Felgate) P Felgate 9-5	F Norton (5)		93
4	(3)	046-800	EASTERN MUSIC 10 (D,G) (C Owens) R Hollinshead 8-12	S Parks		97
5	(8)	024405	DARIKA LAD 7 (V,F) (J Rookes) A Harrison 8-11	K Darley		96
6	(6)	0-30004	STAMFORD BRIDGE 23 (F) (M Britain) M Britain 8-8	J Carroll		93
7	(2)	0-080	THORN GODDESS 5 (A McArdle) M Easterby 7-12	J Quinn		86
8	(1)	020604	SWEETINGS PEARL 11 (Sweetings (City) Ltd) M H Easterby 7-8	J Lowe	●	99

BETTING: 5-2 Lapland Lights, 7-2 Glenfield Greta, 4-1 Sweetings Pearl, Sacque, 6-1 Darika Lad, 7-1 Stamford Bridge, 12-1 Eastern Music.

1990: CROFT VALLEY 9-1 A Culhane (5-1) R Whitaker 10 ran

FORM FOCUS

SACQUE 3rd beaten 8½l by Tango Time (rec 20lb) at Lingfield (6f, heavy). LAPLAND LIGHTS 10th of 12 to Glowing Ardour (gave 13lb) at Newmarket (7f, good to firm); earlier failed to stay when 2nd beaten 7l by Melpomene (gave 18lb) at Newbury (7f, good). This shorter trip should suit her. GLENFIELD GRETA 4th beaten 1¾l by Sports Post Lady (rec 7lb) at Newmarket (5f, good). STAMFORD BRIDGE 4th beaten 8l by Petraco (gave 7lb) at York (6f, good). SWEETINGS PEARL 4th beaten 7l by Parios (gave 26lb) at Doncaster (5f, good). Selection: LAPLAND LIGHTS (nap)

4.00 ARMSTRONG MEMORIAL CHALLENGE CUP (Handicap: £6,930: 1m 4f 60yd) (7 runners)

1	(5)	34-1214	SMART BLADE 16 (D,G,S) (J Smith) I Balding 3-8-10	S O'Gorman (5)		90
2	(6)	222511	BEAU QUEST 24 (V,CD,F,G) (G Famdon) R Woodhouse 4-9-7	A Munro		97
3	(1)	054324	EIRE LEATH-SCEAL 17 (D,BF,F,G) (M Brittain) M Brittain 4-9-6	K Darley		96
4	(2)	081621	DUGGAN 10 (CD,F,G) (T Hamett) R Williams 4-9-3	J Quinn		95
5	(4)	2-312	KISKA 21 (BF,F) (R Sangster) B Hills 3-8-11	D Holland		94
6	(7)	030-223	CORN LILY 16 (CD,BF,F,S) (Mrs S McDonald) Mrs G Reveley 5-8-1	J Lowe	●	99
7	(3)	341144	DOCTOR'S REMEDY 2 (D,F) (R Gadsby) Mrs J Jordan 5-7-7	S Maloney (5)		93

Long handicap: Doctor's Remedy 7-3.

BETTING: 5-2 Beau Quest, 3-1 Duggan, 7-2 Kiska, 9-2 Smart Blade, 11-2 Corn Lily, 8-1 Eire Leath-Sceal, 10-1 Doctor's Remedy.

1990: SECRET SOCIETY 3-8-7 N Connorton (6-1) M Camacho 5 ran

FORM FOCUS

SMART BLADE 4th beaten 11l by Supreme Choice (rec 4lb) at Newbury (1m 5f). BEAU QUEST beat Mulzenberg (rec 4lb) 2½l at Chester (1m 4f, good). EIRE LEATH-SCEAL 4th of 5 beaten 5½l by Express Account (gave 9lb) at Thirsk (1m 4f, firm). DUGGAN beat Deb's Ball (rec 23lb) ½l with DOCTOR'S REMEDY (rec 22lb) 4th beaten 2½l at Carlisle (1m 4f, firm). KISKA 2nd beaten 3½l by Sarsta Grai (rec 15lb) at Beverley (1m 3f 216yd, firm). CORN LILY 3rd beaten over a nk by Lodging (rec 12lb) with DUGGAN (gave 11lb) 2nd beaten sh hd here (1m 4f, firm). DOCTOR'S REMEDY 4th beaten 2½l Persian Soldier (gave 19lb) at Thirsk (1m 4f, firm). Selection: DOCTOR'S REMEDY

4.30 BEAUMONTS INSURANCE MAIDEN STAKES (3-Y-O: £2,588: 1m) (5 runners)

1	(2)	0-333	CALL FOR ROONEY 17 (T Mulrooney) A Smith 9-0	S Webster	●	99
2	(1)	50	ELVETT BRIDGE 45 (D Franks) D Franks 9-0	Dean McKeown		—
3	(4)		SWORDSTICK (Sheikh Mohammed) B Hills 9-0	D Holland		—
4	(5)	00	FINAL BOUT 47 (G Famdon) R Woodhouse 8-9	Paul Burke		—
5	(3)		TOHAMAH (Prince A Faisal) H Cecil 8-9	W Ryan		—

BETTING: Evens Tohamah, 5-4 Swordstick, 5-1 Call For Rooney, 20-1 Final Bout, Elvett Bridge.

1990: STATE DANCER 9-0 L Dettori (8-4) M Moubarak 4 ran

FORM FOCUS

CALL FOR ROONEY finished 4th and placed 3rd to My Nominee (levels) beaten over 2l at Thirsk (6f 216yd). ELVETT BRIDGE last of 13 to Srivijaya (gave 11lb) at Redcar (1m 1f, good to firm); earlier 5th of 7 beaten 20l by Brass Monkey (levels) at Carlisle (1m, soft). SWORDSTICK, from a stable in excellent form, is a first foal by Sure Blade out Lyphetta who won the the French Oaks. TOHAMAH by Legend Of France out of the useful sprinter Abha. Selection: CALL FOR ROONEY

5.00 EBF TRAMPOLINE MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-O: £2,280: 5f) (8 runners)

1	(8)		BIG HAND (Mrs M Heggas) J Watts 9-0	Dean McKeown		—
2	(7)	54	EDUCATED PET 5 (BF) (B Morgan) M Johnston 9-0	K Fallon		82
3	(2)	02	SADDLEHOME 12 (Hyde/Saddlehome Farm) R Whitaker 9-0	J Reid	●	99
4	(4)		SAKHAROV (J Good) F Lee 9-0	S Parks		—
5	(6)		SHARP AS YOU LIKE (R Bedding) J Etherington 9-0	K Darley		—
6	(5)	000	SONDERISE 16 (Mrs D Wright) N Tinkler 9-0	NON-RUNNER		—
7	(3)	3	CHOICEINMUSIC 18 (Mrs T Adams) J Berry 8-9	J Carroll		98
8	(1)		QUEEN OF BEAUFORT (M Bamsiale Ltd) P Felgate 8-9			—

BETTING: 5-4 Saddlehome, 3-1 Choiceinmusic, 4-1 Educated Pet, 13-2 Big Hand, 10-1 Sakherov, 14-1 others.

1990: UNWANTED TREASURE 8-9 K Darley (4-5 fav) J Etherington 7 ran

FORM FOCUS

EDUCATED PET 4th beaten 4½l by Sobe Guest (levels) at Catterick (5f, firm). SADDLEHOME 2nd of 3 beaten ¾l by Power Lake (gave 7lb) at Doncaster (6f, good to firm). CHOICEINMUSIC 3rd beaten 9l by Mentalesanythin (gave 3lb) at Hamilton (6f, soft). QUEEN OF BEAUFORT was withdrawn at Nottingham in April after playing up at the start. Comes from a useful sprinting family. Selection: SADDLEHOME

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Winners	Runners	Per cent
H Cecil	18	38	47.4
A Stewart	6	20	30.0
B Hills	9	40	22.5
J Berry	18	95	18.9
D Morley	5	32	15.6
M H Easterby	20	199	10.1

JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	Per cent
W Ryan	13	66	19.7
K Darley	19	157	12.1
J Carroll	11	91	12.1
K Fallon	8	72	11.1
J Fortune	5	48	10.2
	(Only qualifiers)		

NOTTINGHAM

MANDARIN: 5.45 Kingsley. 6.15 Baileys By Name. 6.45 Enthral. 7.15 HINARI TELEVIDEO (nap). 7.45 Strat's Legacy. 8.15 Skiffle.

THUNDERER: 5.45 Access Cruise. 6.15 Photo Realism. 6.45 Gallery Note. 7.15 Red Rosein. 7.45 MANSE KEY GOLD (nap). 8.15 Skiffle.

MICHAEL SEELY: 6.15 PHOTO REALISM (nap). 7.15 Bold Angel.

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 5.45 Access Cruise.

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 6.15 BAILEYS BY NAME.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM DRAW 6F 15YD, HIGH NUMBERS BEST SIS

5.45 COTGRAVE MINERS WELFARE TRUST SELLING STAKES (£2,386: 1m 6f 15yd) (11 runners)

1	(5)	0-55810	ACCESS CRUISE 21 (BF,F) (Miss D Williams) R Boss 4-9-12	L Dettori		96
2	(10)	2-00443	ACROW LORD 20 (BF) (M Pipe) M Pipe 4-9-7	T Rogers		92
3	(11)	521-031	KINGSLEY 5 (D,F) (M Marsh) M Johnston 4-9-7	J Fanning (5)		97
4	(1)	0(00330-	TRISTIORUM 243 (J Rowbottom) J Etherington 4-9-7	J Williams	●	99
5	(2)	00	SIBYL O'DONNELL 9 (S Scarsbrook) K Bridgwater 4-9-2	P D'Arcy		—
6	(4)	058600	GIVEMEACALL 9 (M Pitcher) N Tinkler 3-8-8	Kim Tinkler		—
7	(8)	0-40000	SPECIAL REQUEST 10 (B) (Albury Racing Ltd) K Ivory 3-8-8	M Wigham		69
8	(9)	000360	CARLY-S 6 (B) (B Lunks) M Ryan 3-8-3	D Biggs (5)		92
9	(3)	000444	JEWEL OF THE NILE 10 (V) (A Perry) D Morley 3-8-3	G Hind		51
10	(6)	000205	THE BOOZY NEWS 9 (F,M/R) W Muir 3-8-3	S Whitworth		83
11	(7)	0-05020	WOTAMONA 16 (J Knowles) B Pelling 3-8-3	N Adams		82

BETTING: 9-4 Kingsley, 3-1 Acrow Lord, 9-2 Access Cruise, 8-1 Tristiorum, 8-1 Wotamona, 12-1 Jewel Of The Nile, 16-1 others.

1990: CORN LILY 4-9-3 Kim Tinkler (Evens fav) N Tinkler 9 ran

6.15 CLIPSTONE MINERS WELFARE NURSERY HANDICAP (2-Y-O: £2,823: 6f 15yd) (6 runners)

1	(4)	4130	DOLLAR WINE 14 (F) (N Ahamed) R Hannon 9-7	B Rouse		89
2	(5)	214	POP TO STANS 73 (F) (W Spink) T Barron 9-6	Alex Greaves		82
3	(2)	2212	PHOTO REALISM 10 (D,BF,F) (H Kaskel) B Hills 9-3	Pat Eddery		92
4	(1)	0563	FULL STEAM 12 (B) (Mrs S Rudolf) J Watts 8-6	L Dettori		80
5	(6)	343	BATTUTA 12 (Mrs D Sharp) R Earnshaw 8-6	A Mackay		90
6	(3)	041	BAILEYS BY NAME 12 (D,F) (G Bailey Ltd) M Johnston 8-4	R P Elliott	●	96

BETTING: 2-1 Baileys By Name, 11-4 Photo Realism, 4-1 Dollar Wine, 7-1 Full Steam, 10-1 Battuta, 12-1 Pop To Stans.

1990: WAAD 7-3 D Holland (2-1)t-fav) N Callaghan 8 ran

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Winners	Runners	Per cent
R Bastiman	4	16	25.0
W Hern	5	28	17.9
R Hodges	6	37	16.2
J Sutcliffe	3	18	16.8
D Morley	13	83	15.7
J Watts	3	20	15.0

JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	Per cent
D Harrison	3	6	50.0
Pat Eddery	39	152	25.7
W Carson	37	185	20.0
L Dettori	16	61	18.5
M Birch	17	102	16.7
W Newnes	10	92	10.9

□ Jonathan Pease's Roman Prose, who landed a gamble for Gerald Cottrell in the 1988 Portland Handicap at Doncaster, took the honours at Deauville yesterday, landing the Prix Maurice de Gheest by two lengths from Pat Eddery's mount, Masterclass. Willie Carson was fourth on John Dunlop's Jimmy Barnie.

Crystal Path (Tony Cruz) came closest to providing a British success on Saturday when finishing a length second to the 29-1 outsider Learjva (Alain Lequeux) in the Prix d'Astarte. Trojan Crown (Gary Carter) finished eighth and Pfalz (Paul Eddery) last of the 12 runners.

6.45 MASTIN MOOR MINERS WELFARE MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-O fillies: £2,574: 6f 15yd) (12 runners)

1	(4)	222	ACE GIRL 31 (Mrs P Barratt) S Bowring 8-11	J Lowe	●	99
2	(9)	6	EARLY BLOOM 28 (A Fowlsick) R Boss 8-11	L Dettori		74
3	(1)	0	ELSA 37 (A Kaplan) R Holder 8-11	J Williams		—
4	(2)	2	ENTHRAL 70 (R Sangster) B Hills 8-11	M Hills		87
5	(12)		PELSEN (Mrs S Rogers) B Hanbury 8-11	A McGlone		—
6	(6)		GALLERY NOTE (B Hills) B Hills 8-11	Pat Eddery		—
7	(10)		LATBALLY (S Suhail) B Hanbury 8-11	A Cruz		—
8	(8)	5	OAK APPLE 35 (Z Kershawgi) B Hanbury 8-11	W Ryan		77
9	(11)	3	OLETTE 11 (BF) (Sir Philip Oppenheimer) G Wragg 8-11	G Carter		91
10	(7)	534	PERSIAN EMPRESS 17 (Mrs B Fecchino) B McMahon 8-11	J Fortune		83
11	(5)		SEA MEMORY (Seven Seas Racing) M Blanshard 8-11	W Newnes		—
12	(3)		SHAFAYIF (M Salem) B Hanbury 8-11	B Raymond		—

BETTING: 5-2 Gallery Note, 7-2 Enthral, 4-1 Ace Girl, 11-2 Olette, 8-1 Shafayif, 10-1 Early Bloom, 12-1 others.

1990: GRACEBRIDGE 8-11 L Dettori (15-8 fav) L Cumani 12 ran

7.15 TOTE NOTTINGHAM STEWARDS CUP HANDICAP (£5,258: 6f 15yd) (15 runners)

1	(8)	13-0000	PUNCH N'RUN 17 (D,F,G) (R Bernard) R Hannon 3-9-10	B Rouse		90
2	(11)	6-13340	ALFAARES 10 (B,F) (H Al-Maktoum) W Hern 3-9-6	W Carson		93
3	(9)	0000-30	HINARI TELEVIDEO 6 (D,F,S) (Mark Johnston Racing) M Johnston 5-9-2	R P Elliott		96
4	(1)	023000	ALLINSON'S MATE 12 (F) (M Spink) T Barron 3-8-11	Alex Greaves		97
5	(2)	3231-04	IKTESHAF 90 (D,F) (M Salem) B Hanbury 3-8-8	B Raymond		95
6	(15)	523601	BOLD ANGEL 10 (CD,F) (A Wragg) M H Easterby 4-8-8	M Birch		90
7	(6)	381413	WANDA 19 (D,G,S) (E Mangan) K Burke 4-8-7	Ron Hills (3)		92
8	(7)	051103	DIET 14 (V,D,F,G,S) (Mrs M Clydesdale) J S Wilson 5-8-6	Dean McKeown		92
9	(5)	000203	RESPECTABLE JONES 14 (D,F,G,S) (Mrs E Weinstein) G Balding 5-8-6	J Williams		97
10	(10)	021020	BALIGAY 23 (D,F,G) (H Carnell & Son Ltd) R Hodges 5-8-3	T Sprake (5)	●	99
11	(4)	013515	HARRY'S COMING 14 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Wetherell) R Hodges 7-8-0	A Munro		92
12	(13)	651111	RED ROSEIN 12 (CD,F,G) (J Gittins) J H Wilson 5-7-12	G Carter		91
13	(3)	040636	FARMER JOCK 33 (D,F,S) (Mrs N Macauley) Mrs N Macauley 9-7-11	J Marshall (7)		90
14	(12)	015044	DENSBEN 10 (D,F,G,S) (Mrs J Pike) Denys Smith 7-7-7	L Charnock		93
15	(14)	350-004	R A EXPRESS 7 (G) (R Holdings Ltd) B McMahon 6-7-7	J Lowe		89

Long handicaps: Densben 7-6, R A Express 7-1.

BETTING: 5-1 Red Rosein, 6-1 Alfaares, Harry's Coming, 7-1 Respectable Jones, 8-1 Bold Angel, 10-1 others.

1990: PINNACLE POINT 3-8-13 W Carson (6-1) J Pearce 11 ran

7.45 BRITISH COAL HANDICAP (£3,078: 1m 54yd) (19 runners)

1	(13)	300905	PYTCHLEY NIGHT 4 (D) (J Higgins) D Morris 4-10-0	S Parks		90
2	(18)	0-00505	FINAL ACE 28 (F) (S Fusiak) J Etherington 4-9-2	L Dettori		88
3	(17)	221845	SKY CAT 6 (D,F,G) (Gymcrak Thoroughbred Racing III Plc) M H Easterby 7-9-1	M Birch		86
4	(3)	36012-0	MISTY GOODNESS 38 (F) (J Good) M Jarvis 3-8-0	A Munro		94
5	(16)	0-00380	BROTHER RAY 19 (F,G) (A Finney) J Sutcliffe 4-8-10	Pat Eddery		94
6	(2)	2-00600	CLYRO 12 (G) (C Lloyd) R Holder 3-8-10	A Dicks		97
7	(6)	018103	SANDMOOR DENIM 9 (D,F,G) (E Lusness) S Bowring 4-8-6	S Webster		91
8	(19)	450	ATISAYIN 23 (Atisayin Partnership) A Hide 3-8-7	Paul Eddery		80
9	(11)	643315	PERSIAN DYNASTY 26 (CD,F,G) (E Hayward) J Bradley 7-8-4	A Clark		90
10	(14)	606402	MEESON TIMES 10 (F) (C Cestia) B Ellison 3-8-3	W Carson		93
11	(12)	0-01600	CHART CROSS 14 (F) (Mrs M Gibbs) K Bridgwater 5-8-3	P D'Arcy	●	99
12	(8)	000-000	TOPEKA EXPRESS 30 (D,F) (Mrs C Tinkler) C Tinkler 8-8-2	Paul Burke		84
13	(5)	051-610	STRAT'S LEGACY 28 (D,BF,F) (J Blumenow) D Arbuthnot 4-8-1	D Holland		96
14	(1)	433320	GLENSCAR 11 (F) (S Bosberry) J Spearing 5-8-0	R Fox		90
15	(16)	150-003	REPECHAGE 20 (F) (B Bissell) B McMahon 4-8-0	J Lowe		89
16	(9)	000001	MANSE KEY GOLD 11 (D,G,S) (S Radcliffe) R Bastiman 4-7-13	S Dawson		92
17	(10)	03-008	MONARCH EXPRESS 17 (W Armitage) N Graham 3-7-10	D Harrison (7)		91
18	(4)	328500	GREAT HAND 6 (C,F) (T Riley-Smith) D Wilson 5-7-7	G Carter		96
19	(7)	0008-64	CHANDANNE 19 (Talon Constru

Move to bat Atherton at No. 7 incomprehensible

Lancashire batting effort disappoints record home crowd

By PETER BALL

OLD TRAFFORD (Yorkshire won toss): Yorkshire (4pts) beat Lancashire by five wickets

LANCASHIRE have not been playing good cricket for a month now. Yesterday it caught up with them as they were thoroughly outplayed by Yorkshire to go down to their second Sunday defeat of the season. A packed and bitterly disappointed crowd of 16,000 paid record receipts of £46,700.

Nottinghamshire's defeat by Worcestershire means that Lancashire have retained their two-point lead in the Refuge Assurance League. With three games left, they are in control of their own destiny, but they can ill afford to continue their recent slipshod cricket.

The uncertainty about the leadership, with Hughes again leaving matters yesterday in the hands of Fairbrother, is not helping, but apart from the openers there is a lack of application about the batting, and a lack of discernible purpose in the field. The incomprehensible decision to bat Atherton at No. 7 only compounded the problem.

No one batted with any freedom, with the ball not coming through for the drive, but Lancashire's poor display was put into context by Moxon, who led his side from the front with an excellent 76, and Metcalfe, Blakey, and Byas, who found few terrors in either the pitch or some unconvincing bowling to steer their side to victory with two overs to spare.

Once again Fowler and Mendis gave Lancashire a steady start with a stand of 76 in 17 overs but thereafter the wheels came off. The agent, needless to say, was Carrick, whose Indian summer in his fortieth year reached its climax against the old enemy this weekend. Having reached 1,000 first-class wickets on Saturday, he claimed his 150th in the Sunday league yesterday, the third Yorkshireman to do so, joining Old and Stevenson.

Carrick appeared just as Lancashire appeared ready to break loose, with 33 coming from four overs, and immediately halted the charge. From his second ball, Mendis became the first of four batsmen to fall checking a drive, Moxon taking a straightforward catch at mid-off. Having survived two chances off Batty, Fowler, the beneficiary, whose collection had yielded a healthy £2,511, followed two overs later, picked up low down at square leg when sweeping.

From then on, with two slow bowlers operating in tandem, Lancashire stuttered uncertainly as Carrick weaved his spell, flight and changes of pace compensating for any absence of turn. Lloyd and Watkinson succumbed to his wiles as Carrick came off with four for 28 to leave Lancashire in real trouble at 132 for five after 31 overs, Wasim having just succumbed to Pickles.

Fairbrother at least battled his way through his difficulties for 18 overs. Atherton, who might have shown similar resolution coming in earlier, quickly became Pickles's second victim with another checked drive.

With DeFreitas chipping to mid-off, Lancashire were in deep trouble, but Hegg gave them hope with a defiant 27 off ten balls, including three clean-hit sixes, as 43 runs were put on in the last five overs. It was not enough as the bowling failed to penetrate until Austin gave them some respectability with two wickets in two balls with the scores level.



Just in time: Robin Smith, of Hampshire, reaches the safety of the crease as Mark Ramprakash hits the wicket in an attempt to run him out

Hick hits back with a century

GRAEME Hick shrugged off the disappointment of being dropped by England by hitting a sparkling century to lead Worcestershire to an eight-wicket victory over the second-placed Nottinghamshire at Trent Bridge in the Refuge Assurance League yesterday.

Hick hit six fours and four sixes in his 98-ball innings of 109 as Worcestershire made light work of their victory target of 210, cruising home with five deliveries to spare. He dominated a second-partnership of 187 in 35 overs with his acting captain, Tim Curtis.

After Hick was bowled by the West Indian all-rounder, Franklyn Stephenson, Curtis guided Worcestershire home, hitting an unbeaten 66.

Matthew Maynard hit David Lawrence's first ball for six to launch a swashbuckling innings of 81 that took Glamorgan to 236 against Gloucestershire at Swansea. Jack Russell, dropped by England, was promoted to No. 3 and hit 40, to finish as Gloucestershire's highest scorer in their poor reply of 136.

Mark Ramprakash, who made 68, and Mike Gatting, with 58, hit half-centuries as Middlesex beat Hampshire by seven wickets at Lord's, while Alec Stewart celebrated his England recall by taking Surrey to a six-wicket victory, with two balls to spare, against Kent at Canterbury. Stewart made 64 off 82 balls, and put on 96 with Graham Thorpe, as Surrey overhauled Kent's 183 for eight.

James Whitaker hit an aggressive 85 to take Leicestershire to a seven-wicket victory over Somerset at Weston-super-Mare. Northamptonshire were indebted to Wayne Larkins, who made 40, and Allan Lamb, the captain, who stroked 35, for an easy five-wicket win over Sussex at Eastbourne.

Dermot Reeve, overlooked by England, helped Warwickshire to their first home win against Derbyshire at Edgbaston. Reeve made 38 in a total of 225 for four and then took four for 18.

REFUGE ASSURANCE LEAGUE RACE

	P	W	L	T	NR	Pts
Lancashire (2)	13	10	2	0	1	42
Notts (4)	13	10	3	0	0	40
Worcestershire (11)	14	8	3	1	2	38
Essex (12)	13	6	2	1	4	34
Yorkshire (7)	13	8	5	0	0	32
Northants (17)	13	7	4	0	2	32
Warwickshire (14)	13	6	3	1	3	32
Surrey (6)	14	6	6	0	2	28
Kent (10)	13	6	5	1	1	28
Somerset (8)	14	5	7	0	2	24
Middlesex (5)	13	5	7	0	1	22
Sussex (13)	14	4	8	0	2	20
Glouce (9)	13	4	7	0	2	20
Leicestershire (16)	13	4	8	0	1	18
Derbyshire (1)	13	4	9	0	0	16
Glamorgan (15)	14	3	9	0	2	16
Hampshire (5)	13	2	10	0	1	10

1990 positions in brackets

County players take Old Tonbridgians to record

By IVO TENNANT

VINCENT SQUARE (Old Tonbridgians won toss): Old Tonbridgians beat Charterhouse Friars by 27 runs

OLD Tonbridgians, their Kent county players to the fore, won the Beachcroft Stanleys Cricketer Cup for the sixth time yesterday, an achievement not matched by any other old boys side. They beat the more prosaic Charterhouse Friars by 27 runs, a margin which justly reflected the difference between the sides.

For Tonbridgians, Jonathan Longley made 95 and Christopher Cowdrey 69. One, having left Durham University, is at the start of a career with Kent that promises much, perhaps as much as his partner achieved. Cowdrey, hampered by injury for much of the season, batted for 83 balls with the freedom of bygone days, striking five fours and three sixes over a capacious crowd.

The competition, now in its 25th year, has long attracted England cricketers. Donald Carr and Ted Dexter were opposing captains in the first final, staged at Burton Court in Chelsea.

The venue now is Westminster School's ground. Barbecues on the boundary edge are banned by the headmaster these days, but the cricket has not, thank goodness, reached such a pitch that the players object to performing to the strains of the Honourable Artillery Company's band.

There must have been around 2,000 spectators, as many as Middlesex would attract for the last day of a championship match, if not the first. The pitch was a delight, at any rate for batsmen. Taking first use of it against fields that were defensive from the start, Tonbridgians made as healthy a score — 251 for six — as can be expected in the final.

Durling and Alastair Owen-Browne made 43 for the first wicket against an attack led by a nephew of Hubert Doggart and including, in Barker, a left-arm spinner who played for Charterhouse in 1967, the very first year of the competition.

They contained Tonbridgians until after lunch, when class told. It was as well for Charterhouse that Richard Ellison, another former England player, was not here to come in and swing the bat with a few overs remaining. Nor, for that matter, was Graham Cowdrey available.

As it was, Ellison's younger brother was opening Tonbridgians' bowling. Charterhouse were given the right sort of start by Bidwell, another who took part in 1967, and who did much to bring about their last victory in a final, ten years ago. He made a half-century and Macmillan, who has played for Surrey young cricketers, struck 83.

What Charterhouse lacked, of course, was a batsman of the calibre of Cowdrey to do something about the scoring rate in the middle of the innings. Richard Doggart, their captain, did his utmost in making 40, but in truth the match as a contest was over well before the end. Tonbridgians' prize is a dinner at the House of Commons in October.

RESULT: Old Tonbridgians 251-6 (J I Longley 95, C S Cowdrey 69); Charterhouse Friars 224-7 (G I Macmillan 84, C J S Bidwell 55).

Warwickshire at mercy of Curtis

By IVO TENNANT

WHAT criticism there has been of the Britannic Assurance championship leaders this summer has centred, not surprisingly, more on their batting then their bowling. Neither, though, can be exonerated from blame at the moment. On Friday Warwickshire took a pasting from Tom Moody, their former batsman, and on Saturday they were unable to avert the follow-on.

Curtis, Worcestershire's acting captain, will decide this morning whether or not to enforce it. Warwickshire were bowled out seven runs short of forcing their opponents to bat again, which was in keeping with the outcome of this fixture over the last decade. Warwickshire have not won for 11 years.

That they reached 298 was owing largely to an innings of 97 in four and a quarter hours by Reeve, who is renowned not so much for his cussedness as his inclination to take bowlers on, often from halfway down the pitch. There was also a half century by Ostler and 48 from Ratcliffe.

If Warwickshire are despondent about their failings against Worcestershire, these are nothing compared to Yorkshire's lack of success against Lancashire. In their last 22 fixtures, they have won but once. Their chances of an improvement will depend on how much time they leave themselves to dismiss Lancashire today. They have to find a way of ridding themselves of Atherton, who made his third successive century at Old Trafford in Roses matches.

Without Emburey, who has been left for the first time in many years by Middlesex, the hosts, too, will need to allow time in which to bowl out Hampshire at Lord's.

At Canterbury, Kent dismissed Surrey for 178 but came up against Darren Bicknell at his most consistent when Surrey batted again. Unbeaten on 78, he will need more runs this morning if his county are to avoid defeat in this, a crucial match for both sides.

Elsewhere there were runs at Weston-Super-Mare for Hayhurst, who so nearly brought about a NatWest Trophy semi-final place for Somerset last week. Leicestershire have a lead of 75 and need to make the most of it to finish the season with at least one championship victory.

At Eastbourne, Northamptonshire maintained their reputation for inconsistency against Sussex. They saved the follow-on but most probably not the match.

AMERICAN FOOTBALL

Bulls repel London's late effort

Birmingham Bulls..... 39
London Olympians..... 38

By RICHARD WETHERELL

A REMARKABLE comeback by the London Olympians in the fourth quarter was foiled by a Bull's field goal with 17 seconds left in the Coca-Cola Bowl at Alexander Stadium, Birmingham, yesterday in the best final the British game has seen.

Down by 36-14 at the end of the third quarter, and visibly tiring, the Olympians then dominated the Bulls, who had no answers on either offense or defense.

Four Olympian touchdowns came in rapid succession as the Bulls visibly shrank from their previous confident stature. Jean-Pierre, Barnett and Scarlett all went in as the Olympians moved the ball at will. When Sobers scored the Olympians' fourth, they went 38-36 ahead.

There was some strange decisions from the Bulls coaching staff during this spell, something that did not change on their final desperate drive downfield.

An arguable penalty gave them the ball on the Olympians' two-yard line. Strangely, they decided to attempt the field goal on first down. However, Andy Webb was successful and despite two valiant long, but unsuccessful throws, at the death, the Olympians were denied.

For a national final to be played on a pitch only 90 yards in length brings no great credit to anyone involved in the British game: for halfway to be at the 45-yard line was a bizarre element.

Comparisons of this match with the early season exploits of the London Monarchs in the World League of American Football are invidious, but as Larry Kennan, the Monarchs' head coach, is wont to say, they won the biggest game they could play in.

YESTERDAY'S CRICKET SCOREBOARDS

Refuge Assurance League

Glamorgan v Gloucs

SWANSEA *(Glamorgan won toss): Glamorgan (4pts) beat Gloucestershire by 100 runs*

GLAMORGAN
M P Maynard c Russell b Alleyne 81
S P James c Russell b Gerrard 23
R J Shastri run out 6
A Dale b Lawrence 32
P A Cottey b Babington 33
*A R Butcher b Lawrence 20
R D B Croft run out 1
†C P Metson c Milburn b Babington 7
S L Watkin c Athey b Babington 6
S R Barwick not out 1
D J Foster b Babington 0
Extras (b 1, lb 16, w 5, nb 4) 26
Total (40 overs) 236

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-71, 2-100, 3-128, 4-180, 5-219, 6-220, 7-222, 8-233, 9-235.
BOWLING: Lawrence 8-0-48-2; Babington 8-0-53-4; Gerrard 8-2-35-1, Scott 8-0-29-0; Alleyne 7-0-44-1; Ball 1-0-10-0.

GLOUCESTERSHIRE
R J Scott c Cottey b Foster 2
C W J Athey c Metson b Watkin 3
†R C Russell b Dale 40
*A J Wright c Dale b Croft 23
M W Alleyne b Croft 8
J W Lloyds c James b Dale 20
E T Milburn run out 13
D V Lawrence c Maynard b Dale 13
A M Babington c Maynard b Shastri 4
M C J Ball not out 2
M J Gerrard b Foster 4
Extras (lb 2, w 2) 4
Total (38 overs) 136

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-3, 2-6, 3-63, 4-79, 5-83, 6-113, 7-114, 8-127, 9-132.
BOWLING: Watkin 5-2-11-1; Foster 6-0-18-2; Barwick 4-0-18-0; Croft 8-0-30-2; Dale 8-0-44-3; Shastri 4-1-15-1.
Umpires: J H Harris and J C Balderstone.

Notts v Worcs

TRENT BRIDGE *(Worcestershire won toss): Worcestershire (4pts) beat Nottinghamshire by eight wickets*

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE
B C Broad lbw b Newport 11
D W Randall c and b Illingworth 50
*R T Robinson c and b Radford 8
P Johnson c Hick b Illingworth 18
P R Pollard lbw b Lampitt 73
M Saxelby run out 12
F D Stephenson not out 18
†B N French not out 4
Extras (lb 10, w 4, nb 1) 15
Total (6 wkts, 40 overs) 209

K P Evans, E E Hemmings and R A Pick did not bat.
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-22, 2-32, 3-70, 4-125, 5-146, 6-209.
BOWLING: Weston 8-0-22-0; Newport 8-0-38-1; Radford 4-0-25-1; Illingworth 8-1-30-2, Botham 6-0-36-0, Lampitt 6-0-46-1.

WORCESTERSHIRE
*T S Curtis not out 66
T M Moody c French b Pick 0
G A Hick b Stephenson 109
D B D'Oliveira not out 16
Extras (lb 9, w 10, nb 1) 20
Total (2 wkts, 39.1 overs) 211

I T Botham, M J Weston, †S J Rhodes, P J Newport, R K Illingworth, N V Radford and S R Lampitt did not bat.
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-1, 2-188.
BOWLING: Pick 8-0-34-1; Stephenson 8-2-29-1; Saxelby 8-1-47-0; Evans 8-0-35-0; Hemmings 7 1-0-60-0.
Umpires: B Dudleston and R A White.

Middlesex v Hants

LORD'S *(Middlesex won toss): Middlesex (4pts) beat Hampshire by seven wickets*

HAMPSHIRE
V P Terry c Roseberry b Emburey 34
R A Smith c Fairbrace b Taylor 14
J R Wood b Emburey 17
*M C J Nicholas not out 50
K D James st Fairbrace b Weekes 9
J R Ayling b Weekes 4
†R J Parks c Taylor b Weekes 6
Extras (b 2, lb 6, w 10) 18
Total (6 wkts, 40 overs) 152

R J Maru, S D Udal, C A Connor and K J Shine did not bat.
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-37, 2-67, 3-76, 4-116, 5-132, 6-152.
BOWLING: Cowans 8-0-39-0; Headley 6-0-16-0; Taylor 4-0-14-1; Gatting 8-0-27-0; Emburey 8-1-21-2; Weekes 6-0-27-3.

MIDDLESEX
M A Roseberry b Connor 5
*M W Gatting c James b Connor 58
M R Ramprakash c Parks b Shine 68
K R Brown not out 14
M Keech not out 0
Extras (lb 1, w 4, nb 4) 9
Total (3 wkts, 33.5 overs) 154

J E Emburey, †P Fairbrace, D Headley, C W Taylor, P N Weekes and N G Cowans did not bat.
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-12, 2-128, 3-145.
BOWLING: Connor 8-0-30-2; Shine 7-0-22-1; Ayling 7-0-37-0; Udal 4.5-0-29-0; Maru 3-0-19-0; James 4-0-16-0.
Umpires: B Leadbeater and K E Palmer.

Somerset v Leics

WESTON-SUPER-MARE *(Leicestershire won toss): Leicestershire (4pts) beat Somerset by seven wickets*

SOMERSET
S J Cook lbw b Mullally 2
P M Roebuck c Whitticase b Lewis 10
*C J Tavaré c Benson b Wilkinson 41
R J Harden c Whitticase b Mullally 4
M Lathwell c Briers b Benson 20
A N Hayhurst c Mullally b Maguire 35
†N D Burns not out 51
G D Rose not out 0
Extras (lb 9, nb 1) 10
Total (6 wkts, 40 overs) 173

R P Lefebvre, J C Hallett and H R J Trump did not bat.
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-9, 2-23, 3-38, 4-84, 5-84, 6-170.
BOWLING: Lewis 8-1-31-1; Mullally 8-1-19-2; Maguire 8-1-42-1; Benson 8-0-37-1; Wilkinson 8-0-35-1.

LEICESTERSHIRE
J J Whitaker c Lathwell b Roebuck 85
*N E Briers st Burns b Roebuck 28
B F Smith b Rose 22
C C Lewis not out 18
L Potter not out 13
Extras (b 1, lb 8, w 3) 12
Total (3 wkts, 39.1 overs) 178

J D R Benson, P N Hepworth, †P Whitticase, C Wilkinson, A D Mullally and J N Maguire did not bat.
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-93, 2-141, 3-150.
BOWLING: Lefebvre 8-0-24-0; Hallett 6-0-23-0; Rose 5.1-0-33-1; Lathwell 4-0-19-0; Trump 8-1-30-0; Roebuck 8-1-32-2.
Umpires: B Hassan and B J Meyer.

Sussex v Northants

EASTBOURNE *(Sussex won toss): Northamptonshire (4pts) beat Sussex by five wickets*

SUSSEX
K Greenfield c Larkins b Williams 57
*P W G Parker c Felton b Taylor 1
A P Wells c Williams b Curran 39
M P Speight c Walker b Williams 2
C M Wells not out 24
J A North b Taylor 18
A I C Dodemaide c Felton b Walker 8
A C S Pigott b Bapliste 0
†P Moores b Bapliste 0
I D K Salisbury not out 6
Extras (lb 10, w 6) 16
Total (8 wkts, 40 overs) 170



Babington: four wickets

A N Jones did not bat.
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-17, 2-103, 3-108, 4-111, 5-142, 6-154, 7-154, 8-158.
BOWLING: Taylor 8-1-25-2; Walker 8-1-25-1; Capel 5-0-23-0; Bapliste 8-1-25-2; Williams 6-0-32-2; Curran 5-0-29-1.

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE
A Fordham st Moores b Salisbury 20
N A Felton c Parker b Dodemaide 5
W Larkins c Moores b Jones 43
*A J Lamb c Moores b Dodemaide 35
D J Capel b Salisbury 22
K M Curran not out 25
E A E Baptiste not out 14
Extras (lb 7, w 3) 10
Total (5 wkts, 37.2 overs) 174

R G Williams, †D Ripley, A Walker and J P Taylor did not bat.
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-8, 2-60, 3-84, 4-130, 5-146.
BOWLING: C M Wells 7-0-22-0; Dodemaide 8-1-22-2; Greenfield 7-0-29-0; Salisbury 8-0-43-2, Jones 3-0-23-1; Pigott 4-0-33-0
Umpires: R Palmer and D R Shepherd.

Kent v Surrey

CANTERBURY *(Surrey won toss): Surrey (4pts) beat Kent by six wickets*

KENT
T R Ward c D J Bicknell b Robinson 27
*M R Benson b Robson 14
N R Taylor c Stewart b Waqar 29
S G Hinks b Waqar 18
G R Cowdrey lbw b Waqar 36
M V Fleming c Robinson b Robson 15
†S A Marsh not out 28
M A Ealham lbw b Waqar 2
R P Davis b M P Bicknell 0
T A Merrick not out 2
Extras (lb 8, w 4) 12
Total (8 wkts, 39 overs) 183

A P Igglesden did not bat.
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-36, 2-48, 3-86, 4-106, 5-144, 6-158, 7-176, 8-179.
BOWLING: Bicknell 8-0-34-1; Robson 8-0-40-2; Robinson 8-1-26-1; Boiling 6-0-33-0; Waqar Younis 7-1-21-4; Greig 2-0-21-0.

SURREY
D J Bicknell b Ealham 13
G P Thorpe c Marsh b Fleming 54
†A J Stewart c Taylor b Ealham 64
D M Ward c Igglesden b Fleming 22
M A Lynch not out 17
J D Robinson not out 7
Extras (lb 4, w 5) 9
Total (4 wkts, 38.4 overs) 186

*I A Greig, M P Bicknell, J Boiling, Waqar Younis and A D Robson did not bat.
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-29, 2-125, 3-144, 4-169.
BOWLING: Igglesden 8-0-32-0; Merrick 7-0-47-0; Ealham 8-0-25-2; Davis 8-2-41-0; Fleming 7.4-0-37-2.
Umpires: K J Lyons and R Julian.

Warwicks v Derbys

EDGBASTON *(Warwickshire won toss): Warwickshire (4pts) beat Derbyshire by 32 runs*

WARWICKSHIRE
A J Moles lbw b Cork 44
J D Ratcliffe lbw b Mortensen 1
*T A Lloyd c Base b McCrae 45
D P Ostler not out 62
D A Reeve b Cork 38
N M K Smith not out 14
Extras (lb 16, w 4, nb 1) 21
Total (4 wkts, 40 overs) 225

R G Twose, †P C L Holloway, J E Benjamin, T A Munton and D Brown did not bat.
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-2, 2-76, 3-121, 4-210.
BOWLING: Base 8-0-36-0; Mortensen 8-1-41-1; McCrae 8-0-37-1; Cork 8-0-38-2; Goldsmith 8-1-55-0.

DERBYSHIRE
*K J Barnett b Benjamin 10
C J Adams c Holloway b Reeve 35
J E Morris c Lloyd b Benjamin 11
T J G O'Gorman c and b Reeve 32
M Azharuddin lbw b Brown 24
S C Goldsmith lbw b Benjamin 10
S J Base b Smith 12
D G Cork c Moles b Reeve 30
E McCrae b Munton 1
†B J M Maher c Benjamin b Reeve 4
O H Mortensen not out 4
Extras (lb 11, w 6) 17
Total (37.4 overs) 193

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-13, 2-35, 3-93, 4-122, 5-140, 6-142, 7-182, 8-183, 9-191.
BOWLING: Brown 6-0-35-1; Benjamin 8-0-53-3; Munton 7-0-29-1; Smith 8-0-50-1; Reeve 6.4-0-18-4; Twose 2-0-17-0.
Umpires: R C Tolchard and J W Holder.

Lancs v Yorks

OLD TRAFFORD *(Yorkshire won toss): Yorkshire (4pts) beat Lancashire by five wickets*

LANCASHIRE
G D Mendis c Moxon b Carrick 39
G Fowler c Metcalfe b Carrick 38
G D Lloyd c and b Carrick 21
*N H Fairbrother c Blakey b Pickles 39
M Watkinson c Hartley b Carrick 4
Wasim Akram c Blakey b Pickles 1
M A Atherton c and b Pickles 11
P A J DeFreitas c Pickles b Hartley 5
†W K Hegg not out 27
I D Austin lbw b M A Robinson 3
P J W Allott not out 1
Extras (lb 1, lb 5) 6
Total (9 wkts, 40 overs) 196

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-76, 2-89, 3-116, 4-122, 5-125, 6-146, 7-153, 8-178, 9-185.
BOWLING: Hartley 8-0-29-1; M A Robinson 8-1-48-1; Pickles 8-0-46-3; Batty 8-0-35-0; Carrick 8-0-28-4.

YORKSHIRE
*M D Moxon c DeFreitas b Austin 76
A A Metcalfe b Austin 41
†R J Blakey c Fairbrother b Watkinson 32
D Byas not out 31
P E Robinson b Austin 9
S A Kellett c Hegg b Austin 0
C S Pickles not out 1
Extras (b 1, lb 3, w 1, nb 2) 7
Total (6 wkts, 38 overs) 197

P Carrick, P J Hartley, J D Batty and M A Robinson did not bat.
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-78, 2-138, 3-166, 4-196, 5-196.
BOWLING: DeFreitas 8-0-33-0; Allott 8-0-37-0; Wasim Akram 7-0-32-0; Watkinson 8-0-51-1; Austin 7-0-40-4.
Umpires: A A Jones and A G T Whitehead.

TODAY'S FIXTURES

Tour matches
11.00
CHELMSFORD: Essex v West Indians.
DERBY: Derbyshire v Sri Lankans.

Britannic Assurance county championship
11.00, 102 overs minimum
CANTERBURY: Kent v Surrey.
OLD TRAFFORD: Lancashire v Yorkshire.
LORD'S: Middlesex v Hampshire.
WESTON-SUPER-MARE: Somerset v Leicestershire.
EASTBOURNE: Sussex v Northamptonshire.
WORCESTER: Worcestershire v Warwickshire.

MINOR COUNTIES CHAMPIONSHIP: Bedford: Bedfordshire v Lincolnshire. Slough: Buckinghamshire v Cheshire. Exmouth: Devon v Cornwall. Gateshead Fell: Durham v Northumberland. Potters Bar: Hertfordshire v Cambridgeshire. Marlborough College: Wiltshire v Wales.

SATURDAY'S CRICKET SCOREBOARDS

Britannic Assurance county championship

Sussex v Northants

EASTBOURNE *(second day of three): Sussex, with nine second-innings wickets in hand, are 154 runs ahead of Northamptonshire*

SUSSEX: First Innings
N J Lenham c Penberthy b Bapliste 75
D M Smith c and b Bapliste 67
*P W G Parker b Bapliste 9
A P Wells lbw b Bapliste 0
M P Speight c Penberthy b Cook 89
C M Wells c Lamb b Curran 12
A I C Dodemaide b Cook 28
†P Moores b Cook 7
B T P Donelan not out 17
I D K Salisbury not out 10
Extras (b 2, lb 4) 6
Total (8 wkts dec) 317

Score after 100 overs: 254-5.
A N Jones did not bat.
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-142, 2-145, 3-145, 4-166, 5-212, 6-266, 7-285, 8-290.
BOWLING: Taylor 9-1-37-0; Bapliste 30-8-79-4; Penberthy 9-2-22-0; Cook 31-7-74-3; Curran 14-5-33-1; Williams 26-4-68-0.

Second Innings
N J Lenham b Taylor 8
D M Smith not out 17
*P W G Parker not out 7
Total (1 wkt) 30

A P Wells, M P Speight, C M Wells, A I C Dodemaide, †P Moores, I D K Salisbury, B T P Donelan and A N Jones to bat.
FALL OF WICKET: 1-8.

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE: First Innings
A Fordham b Jones 0
W Larkins b C M Wells 94
N A Stanley b Dodemaide 6
*A J Lamb c A P Wells b Salisbury 13
K M Curran c Smith b Jones 24
A L Penberthy b Jones 28
E A E Baptiste b Salisbury 8
R G Williams b Donelan 22
†D Ripley b Donelan 4
N G B Cook c A P Wells b Salisbury 10
J P Taylor not out 3
Extras (b 11, lb 5, nb 9) 25
Total (84.3 overs) 193

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-0, 2-21, 3-59, 4-61, 5-108, 6-128, 7-125, 8-182, 9-179.
BOWLING: Jones 12-3-36-3; Dodemaide 23-4-52-1; Salisbury 21-6-35-3; C M Wells 9-2-19-1; Donelan 19.3-6-35-2.
Bonus points: Sussex 7, Northamptonshire 3.
Umpires: D R Shepherd and R Palmer.

Warwicks v Derbys

EDGBASTON *(second day of three): Warwickshire have a first-innings lead of 159 runs over Warwickshire*

WORCESTERSHIRE: First Innings 454 for 8 dec (T M Moody 210, I T Botham 81)

WARWICKSHIRE: First Innings
A J Moles b Dilley 9
J D Ratcliffe b Newport 48
Asif Din c Moody b Radford 0
D P Ostler b Newport 55
*D A Reeve st Rhodes b Illingworth 97
*T A Lloyd c D'Oliveira b Newport 0
†P C L Holloway c Botham b Radford 15
G C Small lbw b Botham 6
T A Munton c Botham b Dilley 12
A A Donald c Rhodes b Dilley 16
A R K Pierson not out 2
Extras (b 1, lb 13, w 1, nb 20) 35
Total 298

Score at 100 overs: 278-8.
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-47, 2-48, 3-76, 4-134, 5-154, 6-226, 7-240, 8-266, 9-292.
BOWLING: Dilley 27.2-7-68-3; Radford 20-4-55-2; Illingworth 14.2-32-1; Botham 20-5-43-1; Newport 21-2-68-3; Lampitt 9-0-39-0; D'Oliveira 1-0-1-0.
Bonus points: Worcestershire 7, Warwickshire 6.
Umpires: J W Holder and R C Tolchard.

Middlesex v Hants

LORD'S *(second day of three): Middlesex, with nine second-innings wickets in hand, are 39 runs ahead of Hampshire*

MIDDLESEX: First Innings 259 (M R Ramprakash 79, K R Brown 53; K D James 4 for 32)

Second Innings
M A Roseberry c Terry b Connor 38
J C Pooley not out 23
D W Headley not out 4
Extras (lb 3, nb 3) 6
Total (1 wkt) 71

*M W Gatting, M R Ramprakash, K R Brown, M Keech, †P Farbrace, C W Taylor, P C R Tufnell and N G Cowans to bat.
FALL OF WICKET: 1-58.

HAMPSHIRE: First Innings
T C Middleton c Gatting b Tufnell 23
V P Terry c Farbrace b Tufnell 25
K D James c Brown b Tufnell 36
R A Smith st Farbrace b Tufnell 55
D I Gower c Headley b Tufnell 40
*M C J Nicholas c Gatting b Tufnell 4
J R Ayling c Roseberry b Taylor 58
†A N Aymes b Cowans 31
R J Maru c Farbrace b Taylor 0
C A Connor b Tufnell 7
K J Shine not out 4
Extras (b 1, lb 5, w 1, nb 1) 8
Total 291

Score at 100 overs: 280-7.
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-35, 2-73, 3-99, 4-173, 5-187, 6-192, 7-280, 8-280, 9-275.
BOWLING: Cowans 20-7-43-1; Headley 18-3-45-0; Taylor 26-9-65-2; Tufnell 48-13-116-7; Ramprakash 3-0-16-0.
Bonus points: Middlesex 6, Hampshire 7.
Umpires: B Leadbeater and K E Palmer.

Kent v Surrey

CANTERBURY *(second day of three): Surrey, with eight second-innings wickets in hand, need 39 runs to avoid an innings defeat by Kent*

KENT: First innings 358 (M R Benson 142, N V Fleming 113; Waqar Younis 6 for 72)

SURREY: First Innings
D J Bicknell c Fleming b Ellison 41
R I Alikhan c Hinks b Fleming 30
A J Stewart c Marsh b Ellison 10
D M Ward c Marsh b Penn 53
G P Thorpe b Igglesden 7
*I A Greig not out 29
K T Medlycott c Taylor b Penn 4
M A Feltham run out 0
†N F Sargeant b Igglesden 0
Waqar Younis c Cowdrey b Penn 8
A J Murphy b Penn 7
Extras (b 2, lb 1, w 1, nb 6) 10
Total (88 overs) 178

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-65, 2-75, 3-120, 4-148, 5-149, 6-154, 7-157, 8-157, 9-166.
BOWLING: Merrick 12-4-33-0; Igglesden 16-2-51-2; Penn 15-4-36-4; Ellison 7-0-43-2; Fleming 3-0-12-1.

Second Innings
D J Bicknell not out 78
R I Alikhan b Penn 20
A J Stewart lbw b Ellison 32
†N F Sargeant not out 1
Extras (lb 3, w 1, nb 7) 11
Total (2 wkts) 142

D M Ward, G P Thorpe, *I A Greig, K T Medlycott, M A Feltham, Waqar Younis and A J Murphy to bat.
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-48, 2-139.
Bonus points: Kent 8, Surrey 5.
Umpires: R Julian and K J Lyons.

Lancs v Yorks

OLD TRAFFORD *(second day of three): Yorkshire, with all second-innings wickets in hand, are 77 runs ahead of Lancashire*

YORKSHIRE: First Innings 318 (S A Kellett 81, P E Robinson 58; C S Pickles 50; Wasim Akram 5 for 91)

Second Innings
*M D Moxon not out 22
A A Metcalfe not out 9
Extras (lb 3, nb 1) 4
Total (no wkt) 35

D Byas, †R J Blakey, P E Robinson, S A Kellett, C S Pickles, P Carrick, P J Hartley, D Gough and M A Robinson to bat.

LANCASHIRE: First Innings
G D Mendis lbw b M A Robinson 10
G Fowler c Byas b M A Robinson 9
†W K Hegg c Blakey b Hartley 19
M A Atherton not out 114
*N H Fairbrother c Gough b M A Robinson 32
G D Lloyd c Blakey b Carrick 31
M Watkinson b Carrick 21
Wasim Akram c M A Robinson b Carrick 14
P A J DeFreitas b Carrick 5
G Yates not out 10
Extras (b 3, lb 2, nb 9) 11
Total (8 wkts dec, 83 overs) 276

P J Martin did not bat.
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-18, 2-21, 3-52, 4-109, 5-175, 6-218, 7-239, 8-253.
BOWLING: Hartley 17-2-72-1; M A Robinson 14-4-43-3; Gough 13-2-51-0; Carrick 30-11-75-4; Pickles 9-0-30-0.
Bonus points: Lancashire 7, Yorkshire 7
Umpires: A A Jones and A G T Whitehead.

Somerset v Leics

WESTON-SUPER-MARE *(second day of three): Leicestershire, with all second-innings wickets in hand, are 75 runs ahead of Somerset*

LEICESTERSHIRE: First Innings 283 (T J Boon 61, P Whitticase 52; H R H Trump 6 for 107)

Second Innings
T J Boon not out 26
*N E Briers not out 9
Extras (lb 1, nb 2) 3
Total (no wkt) 38

P N Hepworth, J J Whitaker, L Potter, J D R Benson, C C Lewis, M I Gidley, †P Whitticase, D J Millns and J N Maguire to bat.

SOMERSET: First Innings
P M Roebuck c Millns b Lewis 4
S J Cook c Whitticase b Lewis 10
H R H Trump lbw b Lewis 0

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Two-shot bunker penalty fails to halt women's British Open champion

Grice-Whittaker holds firm

By PATRICIA DAVIES

IT WAS tears all round as *Penny Grice-Whittaker* proved to herself, and more than 7,000 spectators, that she was a *real champion* at Woburn yesterday, winning the Weetabix women's British *Open title* by three strokes from Diane Barnard and Helen Alfredsson, the defending champion.

Grice-Whittaker, a determined Yorkshirewoman, who had to qualify for the championship last Monday, finished with a 69, four under par, for a total of 284, eight under, and won £25,000. It was manna from heaven for someone whose husband is unemployed and whose own earnings over the last four years have barely matched the *champion's cheque. In* one mighty week, she has jumped from 100th to eighth on the Woolmark Order of Merit.

"I always thought she was going to climb to the top," Earle Grice, Penny's father and coach, said, and she did him proud. As he hopped about behind the 18th green, *trying to see his daughter's* moment of triumph, Grice admitted, "I've got angina and my chest's as tight as a drum."

He was bursting with pride and his daughter said it was the first time she had seen him cry as he stood on the green with his arms around her and Craig, his son-in-law, who had *been employed as caddy.*

Grice-Whittaker, henceforth known as PGW, started the last round level with Helen Wadsworth, of Wales, on four under par, having slumped to a 77 in the third round. The lowlight was a nine at the 13th, a par four, that included two penalty shots for hitting the sand (so the referee ruled) instead of her shoe when she failed to get out of a bunker first time. She recovered to play the last five holes in two under par and said yesterday that that run had won her the championship.

The closing 69 helped as well, compiled as it was in the knowledge that Laura Davies, who started with an eagle three at the first to move into *the lead on five under par,* was very much a factor. Davies faded on the second nine, however, to finish only four under par, despite a typically flamboyant birdie flourish at the last.

The leader board threw up names madly. Kelley Markette, of the United States, stormed to five under par with four birdies in the first five holes; Barnard was also up there after *opening* with two birdies; Evelyn Orley, of Switzerland, put in an appearance; and Alfredsson came home in 33 to finish at five under.

PGW reached the turn in *35, to be five under par.* A birdie four at the 11th took her to six under, uncharted territory for the rest of the field, and the lead on her own. A bad drive at the dreaded 13th was redeemed by an eight-foot par-saving putt and PGW's little war dance showed how important that was.

A *birdie four at the next,* where she played a little lobbed sand wedge to two feet, and a birdie three at the 15th took her to eight under. She suspected then she might win and stood over every shot, telling herself, "You can do it, you can do it." How right she was.

ALAN WELLER



Climbing to the top: Grice-Whittaker checks her progress to the British Open title

RESULTS FROM WOBURN

Great Britain and Ireland unless stated

FINAL SCORES: 284: P Grice-Whittaker, 69, 69, 77, 69. 287: H Alfredsson (Swe), 73, 69, 76, 69; D Barnard, 73, 72, 71, 71. 288: S Croce (fr), 75, 74, 70, 69; L Davies, 71, 74, 71, 72. 289: H Wadsworth, 69, 75, 72, 74. 290: M-L de Lorenzi (Fr), 73, 70, 76, 71; T Johnson, 71, 72, 75, 71; E Orley (Switz), 75, 71, 72, 72; K Parker (US), 73, 69, 75, 73.

291: K Markette (US), 72, 69, 77, 73; J Forbes, 74, 73, 71, 73; A Nicholas, 75, 73, 70, 73. 292: K Douglas, 73, 75, 71, 73. 293: C Soules (Fr), 74, 77, 72, 70; R Comstock (US), 71, 75, 76, 71; J Larsen (US), 77, 72, 72, 72; J Stephenson (Aus), 74, 73, 71, 75. 294: S Strudwick, 69, 75, 74, 76. 295: K Pearce (Aus), 76, 70, 74, 75; F Dassu (It), 73, 70, 75, 77.

296: L Fairclough, 72, 76, 77, 69; *A Fukushima (Japan), 73, 73, 76, 72; K Espinasse (Fr), 76, 75, 73, 72; P Gonzalez (Col), 73, 75, 72, 76; K Gregg (Aus), 71, 75, 74, 76. 297: D Hutton (Aus), 72, 77, 77, 71; S Prosser, 73, 77, 75, 71; D Dowling, 72, 75, 76, 71; B New, 73, 76, 75, 73. 298: L Neumann (Swe), 73, 72, 74, 73; M Wooding (US), 72, 74, 76, 74; N Hall (Aus), 76, 76, 71, 75; J Hill (Zim), 72, 74, 76, 76.*

299: T Luckhurst (US), 76, 75, 76, 72; L Maritz (SA), 77, 71, 77, 74; L Hackney, 73, 72, 73, 81. 300: M Spencer-Devlin (US), 72, 77, 76, 75; *J Hall, 75, 76, 74, 74; C Baker (Can), 73, 73, 78, 75. 301: P Smith, 70, 79, 76, 76; K Wunsch (Sp), 75, 72, 77, 77; T Abitbol (Sp), 77, 73, 74, 77.*

* denotes amateur

Willison pulverises Pullan

By JOHN HENNESSY

THE measure of Ricky Willison's victory in the final of the English amateur championship at Formby on Saturday is that, for all the famous names on a roll of honour going back to 1925, only once has his 10 and 8 margin of victory over 36 holes been surpassed. That was by Michael Bonallack in his pomp of 1968, when he beat David *Kelley by 12 and 10 at Ganton.*

In nine rounds at Formby, Willison went over par only four times. He certainly made it easier for himself by comfortable victories which reduced his commitment to a total of only 133 holes.

Mark Pullan, aged 19 — Willison's junior by 13 years — could *not live with that kind of* golf. Willison drove relentlessly ahead in the morning, lunched seven up and brilliantly snuffed out his young opponent's chance of recovery.

Two closing birdies in the morning were followed by three more in the afternoon, and it must have broken Pullan's heart when Willison followed him in from *12 feet at the 1st and 25* feet at the 2nd.

Willison never allowed himself the luxury of thinking his increasingly formidable lead made him safe from defeat. "I told myself to keep on concentrating," he said.

The amiable Willison is uncertain where he goes from here. Even at 32, he is considering the possibility of turning professional in September, after the *Walker Cup, as an alternative to* remaining with his father's printing works.

RESULT: Final: R Willison (Ealing) bt M Pullan (Sand Moor), 10 and 8.

Pardoe ends lean spell

SIMON Pardoe, who won the Welsh amateur championship at Ashburnham on Saturday, *has no immediate plans to join* the paid ranks (Chris Smart writes).

"I've not yet decided what to do. I may go to America to try to further my experiences. For the time being I am just delighted to *have ended a rather lean spell,"* the former British boys' champion said.

Pardoe, aged 20, clinched the title in style, with a 7 and 5 victory in the 36-hole championship final against Stephen Jones, the winner of the title a decade ago. It was a one-sided affair. Pardoe won the opening four holes and he went into lunch seven up. There was a *brief revival by Jones on the* outward stretch of the afternoon round, but the Goring man took three holes in a row from the 29th to secure a comfortable success.

He will make his first appearance for Wales *in the home* international series at Rosses Point in County Sligo at the end of next month, and it will be interesting to see how he gets on against the cream of Scottish, English and Irish golf.

RESULT: S Pardoe (Goring and Streatley) bt S P Jones (Cardiff), 7 and 5

ROWING

Coxless four go for gold in style

From MIKE ROSEWELL
ROWING CORRESPONDENT
BANYOLES, SPAIN

BOTH the Great Britain coxle four and eight had to endu photo finishes on finals day a the world junior championships *here yesterday. Eventually,* there was joy for the four but disappointment for the eight.

The coxless four collected the gold, maintaining Britain's remarkable record of having won four times in the last five years. The manner of the victory was a tribute to the crew and to Bruce Grainger, for whom this was a first gold success in his 20 years as a leading junior coach. History was also made since the crew's two man, Graham Smith, aged 16, is the youngest British oarsman to win a gold.

The final went to plan, but only just. The crew were one second behind Czechoslovakia at 1,000 metres, with Australia and Germany less than half a length further back. At this point, the crew's stroke, Richard Hamilton, following Grainger's instructions, shouted "go".

Ten strokes later, the three, Harry Turnbull, shouted "yes" and this was the signal for the crew to sprint. The manoeuvre worked and Britain passed Czechoslovakia and took one *second off* Australia and Germany in the vital third quarter. The Australians rowed the fastest final 500 metres, but the *photograph showed Britain with* a 0.29sec margin at the line.

Lack of horsepower left the light British eight sixth at 500 *metres with the Soviet Union* and Germany already leaving the pack. A fast second 500 metres pulled Britain through to third with Spain and a contest for the bronze medal ensued to a background of drumming in the stands. The photograph showed 0.1sec advantage to the home eight, the smallest clearly recordable margin.

In a championships dominated by Germany, with eight gold medals, the other four British finalists all came fifth, *somewhat anticipated.*

RESULTS: Medal winners and British: Men: Coxed fours: 1, Romania, 6min 24.73sec; 2, Czechoslovakia, 6:27.09; 3, Italy, 6:27.62; 5, *Great Britain, 6:33.81.* Double sculls: 1, Germany, 6:35.36; 2, Norway, 6:38.17; 3, Belgium, 6:40.33; 5, Great Britain, 6:44.98. Coxless pairs: 1, Czechoslovakia, 7:02.40; 2, Germany, 7:08.12; 3, France, 7:07.09; 7, Great Britain, 7:15.85. Single sculls: 1, Germany (M Schwalbe), 7:05.81; 2, Australia (D Free), 7:11.01; 3, Soviet Union (E Kazmirbuk), 7:11.21. Coxed pairs: 1, Germany, 7:13.32; 2, Romania, 7:19.16; 3, Poland, 7:19.31; 7, Great Britain, 7:28.19. Coxless fours: 1, Great Britain, 6:14.66 (bow, R Rogers, Monmouth; 2, G Smith, Westminster; 3, H Turnbull, Eton; stroke, R Hamilton, Pangbourne); 2, Australia, 6:14.85; 3, Germany, 6:18.09. Quad sculls: 1, Germany, 5:58.24; 2, Italy, 5:57.92; 3, Soviet Union, 5:59.91; 13, Great Britain, 6:18.22. Eights: 1, Soviet Union, 5:40.80; 2, Germany, 5:46.14; 3, Spain, 5:48.86; 4, Great Britain, 5:48.76. Women: Coxless fours: 1, Germany, 7:53.31; 2, Czechoslovakia, 7:04.41; 3, Romania, 7:04.84; 5, Great Britain, 7:08.43. Double sculls: 1, Germany, 7:18.37; 2, Yugoslavia, 7:22.42; 3, Czechoslovakia, 7:28.11; 15, Great Britain, 7:42.76. Coxless pairs: 1, Germany, 7:37.95; 2, Soviet Union, 7:40.86; 3, France, 7:42.62; 5, Great Britain, 7:56.90. Single sculls: 1, Bulgaria (R Djadjarova), 7:46.91; 2, Germany (K Rutschkow), 7:49.04; 3, Denmark (T Hansen), 7:49.84. Quad sculls: 1, Germany, 6:37.47; 2, Czechoslovakia, 6:38.33; 3, Italy 6:51.28; 7, Great Britain, 7:11.35. Eights: 1, Czechoslovakia, 6:20.79; 2, Germany, 6:25.92; 3, Soviet Union, 6:27.36

☐ Ireland won the men's home international competition in Dublin, winning all the events except the single sculls, when Peter Hining, of Scotland, beat *the field. Scotland won the* women's event.

FOOTBALL

Arsenal are made to rue their penalty failings

Arsenal 1
Sampdoria 1

Sampdoria won 3-2 on penalties

By DENNIS SIGNY

THE loss yesterday of the *Makita International* tournament to the Italian League champions may have been of far less consequence to Arsenal than the experience they gained in the two-day tournament.

Although Sampdoria were re*duced to ten men when Renato* Buso was dismissed after an aerial clash that left Tony Adams on the ground, they equalised with a spectacular scissors kick from Gianluca Vialli and won the penalty shoot-out 3-2 to retain the trophy.

Arsenal lost David Rocastle, making an impressive showing on his return to the team, with a broken finger after 66 minutes but he should be fit for the FA Charity Shield against Totten*ham Hotspur on* Saturday.

Vujadin Boskov, Sampdoria's Yugoslavian coach, admitted that any visiting team would find it difficult to win at Highbury, but he poured cold water on Arsenal's aspirations when he said: "They would have more fear of it than we would if we meet again in the European Cup. I don't know of any teams in Europe that play a 4-4-2 formation like Arsenal and other English teams."

Gianluca Pagliuca had made a fine save from Rocastle's volley following a corner before Arsenal took the lead after 18 minutes. A free kick by Lee *Dixon* eluded players in a crowded goal mouth before Paul Merson shot in at the far post.

Orlando headed off the line from an effort by Andrew Cole, playing in the absence of Alan Smith and Kevin Campbell, immediately afterwards and Adams put another chance from close range over the bar.

Keith Hackett, the referee, immediately produced a red card after 55 minutes when Adams went down after a clash with Buso, who had scored four goals against West Ham United the previous day.

"An elbow in the face," George Graham, the Arsenal manager, said. Boskov, though, disputed the dismissal. "It was a mid-air clash between the two players, an athletic collision, and I do not think my player should have been sent off," he said. "The other player was not an angel."

Although Pagliuca saved from Cole when the youngster was clear through, Sampdoria equalised following a fine run and centre by Fausto Pari after 69 minutes that Vialli spectacularly converted. Vialli only appeared after the interval — "he only wants to play one half" Boskov said.

Attilio Lombardo, one of the outstanding players of the tournament, might have clinched victory for Sampdoria when he burst through after 88 minutes only to shoot narrowly wide with only David Seaman to beat.

ARSENAL: D Seaman; L Dixon, N Winterburn, D Hiller, S Bould, T Adams, D Rocastle (sub: P Groves), P Davis, A Cole, P Merson (sub: M Thomas), A Limpar.
SAMPDORIA: G Pagliuca, M Mannini (sub: G Invernizzi), S Katanec, F Pari, P Vechowed, M Lanna, A Lombardo, Silas, R Buso, R Mancini (sub: G Vialli), Orlando.
Referee: K Hackett

☐ West Ham, humiliated 6-1 by Sampdoria on Saturday, finished last in the tournament after being beaten 3-2 on penalties by Panathinaikos. The teams were level 1-1 at the end of 90 minutes. George Parris was again West ham's scorer.

POLO

Los Locos show best teamwork

By JOHN WATSON

THE Lawns, Cowdray Park's No. 1 ground, has never looked in more resilient condition than it appeared yesterday for the final of the last high-goal tournament of the season, for the Cowdray Park Challenge Cup.

The contenders were Geoffrey Kent's Windsor Park team and Simon and Claire Tomlinson's *Los Locos from the Beaufort* club in Gloucestershire.

After preliminary rounds over five chukkas, the final was a six-chukka match, which meant that Los Locos, aggregating a squad handicap of 20, in *contrast to Windsor's 22, started* with two on the scoreboard. Within a few minutes of the opening chukka it was clear that *Los Locos held the more co*hesive team alliance — no wonder considering the instinctive empathy exhibited between the husband-and-wife proprietors and their two Argentine seven-goalers, Milo Arauco and Martin Vidou. Their partnership made each of them look underhandicapped.

Windsor Park has been a high-goal team of the first rank and they looked despondent at half-time, trailing 10-3. In the fourth and fifth chukkas, Pite Merlos, their ten-handicap No. 3, whose stick play is like that of a magician, notched up three goals, but his colleagues were *a little too independent to* make a real comeback. Los Locos ran out 15-8 winners.

The prize for the best heavyweight pony went to Ludwiga, Claire Tomlinson's chestnut mare, ridden by Vidou, and the best lightweight was Kent's Roberta, which carried Merlos.

Ellerston beat Palmera 7-6½ in the final of the medium-goal Harrison Cup.

LOS LOCOS: 1, C Tomlinson (3), 2, M Vidou (7); 3, M Arauco (7); Back: S Tomlinson (3).
WINDSOR PARK: 1, G Kent (3); 2, R *Matthews (5); 3, P Merlos (10);* Back: *Prince* of Wales (4).
ELLERSTON: 1, A Archibald (2); 2, J Gilmore (5); 3, A Kent (7); Back: M Mackenzie Hall (2).
PALMERA: 1, J Dukes (1); 2, R Wood (5); 3, H Hopwood (9); Back: O Hopwood (0)

FOR THE RECORD

AMERICAN FOOTBALL

NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE (NFL): Overseas exhibitions: San Francisco 49ers 21, Chicago Bears 7 (in Berlin); Miami Dolphins 19, Los Angeles Raiders 17 (in Tokyo).

ATHLETICS

OSTRAVA, Czechoslovakia: Women's International: 1, Hungary, 184pts; 2, Czechoslovakia, 132; 3, Portugal, 118; 4, Scotland, 72.

SAPPORO, Japan: Hokkaido Marathon: Winners: Men: K Fujita (Japan), 2hr 17min 05sec. Women: L Moller (NZ), 2:39:20.

AUSTRALIAN RULES

AUSTRALIAN LEAGUE: West Coast 95 (14 goals, 11 behinds), Adelaide 80 (11, 14); Fitzroy 166 (23, 18), Richmond 97 (13, 15); Hawthorn 85 (12, 11), Footscray 69 (10, 9); Melbourne 140 (20, 20), North Melbourne 89 (13, 10); Carlton 105 (16, 9), Geelong 109 (14, 19); Essendon 151 (22, 19), Sydney 64 (12, 12); Collingwood 172 (26, 16), Brisbane 71 (10, 11).

BASEBALL

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Friday: Cincinnati Reds 3, San Francisco Giants 4; Philadelphia Phillies 8, Montreal Expos 5 (11 *Innings*); San Diego Padres 13, Atlanta Braves 3; Chicago Cubs 4, New York Mets 2 (10 inns); St Louis Cardinals 4, Pittsburgh Pirates 3; Houston Astros 9, Los Angeles Dodgers 8; Saturday: St Louis Cardinals 8, Pittsburgh Pirates 5 (10 Inns); San Francisco Giants 7, Cincinnati Reds 3; San Diego Padres 3, Atlanta Braves 2; Chicago Cubs 9, New York Mets 2; Philadelphia Phillies 7, Montreal Expos 1; Houston Astros 2, Los Angeles Dodgers 1 (10 Inns).

AMERICAN LEAGUE: Friday: Boston Red Sox 3, Toronto Blue Jays 3; Kansas City Royals 6, Cleveland Indians 4; Detroit Tigers 7, New York Yankees 3; Texas Rangers 15, Milwaukee Brewers 1; Baltimore Orioles 2, Chicago White Sox 0; Seattle Mariners 4, California Angels 3; Oakland A's 3, Minnesota Twins 1; Saturday: Boston Red Sox 4, Toronto Blue Jays 1; Minnesota Twins 8, Oakland A's 6; Baltimore Orioles 8, Chicago White Sox 3; Cleveland Indians 3, Kansas City Royals 1; Detroit Tigers 7, New York Yankees 6; Texas Rangers 14, Milwaukee Brewers 5; Seattle Mariners 9, California Angels 3.

BASKETBALL

EDMONTON, Canada: Junior men's world championships: Italy 78, Argentina 63, Spain 92, Canada 77; Soviet Union 82, Australia 81; Uruguay 69, Nigeria 66.

BOWLS

LEAMINGTON SPA: English women's national championships: Two-wood singles: Final: W Line (Athersley Southampton) bt J Slater (Alverton), 17-13. Pairs: Final: D Farman and J Campbell (Tonbridge) bt J Turner and B Atherton (Carlton Conquer, Notts), 27-13. Mother and daughter pairs: Final: S and L Smith (North Walsham) bt C and D Miller (March Conservatives), 18-17. 18-25 singles: Final: C Jones (Peterborough) bt L Beaks (Old Dean, Camberley), 21-14. Champion of champions: Quarter-finals: K Martin (Athersley, Southampton) bt E Clarke (Coulsdon Manor), 21-17; J Morris (as) bt E Clarke (Coulsdon Manor), 21-17; J Morris (as) bt E Steadley (Ray, Cheltenham Wheatons) bt E Scheeling (Ray, Chelmsford), 21-18; S Sullivan (Weedley) bt J Hicks, 21-18; S Sullivan bt M Morris, 21-11; J McCluskey (Eston), 21-12; A Anderson (Woodhaven, Glenrothes) bt J Wells (Bolsterton, Notts), 21-18. Semi-finals: Sullivan bt Morris, 21-11; Martin bt Anderson, 21-10.

ESSEX CHAMPIONSHIPS (at Woodford): Singles: C Emery (Chelmsford) 21, R Morris (Clock Inns) 12. Pairs: G Hervey and D Hervey (Maldon) 21, Rogers (A Hayward) 19, Burnham (Lensa) 27, D Wakefield and S Muir (Aveley) 7. Triples: Pegasus (A Hayward) 19, Burnham Middle 8, Dunn) 8. Fours: Liberty of Havering (L Lee) 17, Falcon (D Parsonage) 16.

KENT CHAMPIONSHIPS (at Forest Hill): Singles: P Butcher (Bromley) 21, R Allen (Beckett) 18. Pairs: D Hilley and M Heppell (Beckett) 18, Pairs: D Hilley and M Heppell (Beckett) 18. Pairs: D Hilley and M Heppell (Orpheus) 22, H Wekeamen and T Clifford (Hartley Country Club) 15. Triples: Folkestone Park (G Hammond) 21, Folkestone Park (S Charlton) 8 Hammond) 21, Folkestone Park (S Charlton) 8 Points: Blackheath and Greenwich (M Sleiger) 28, Livesey Memorial (D Crocker) 9.

EASTERN COUNTIES LEAGUE: Hertfordshire 124, Norfolk 107.

SIMBA HOME COUNTIES LEAGUE: Berkshire 127, Middlesex 140; Buckinghamshire 113, Surrey 112; Sussex 135, Oxfordshire 128.

POOLE: Open Tournament: Singles: L Trim (West Moors) 21, R Tappin (West Moors) 8. Pairs: B Shepherd and M Tomberry (Poole Park) 26, M Harwood (Crewkerne) and A Mayne (Bolton) 12. Triples: D Day, M Martin and B Taylor (Bexwell) 21, J Baker, T Beresford and R Jarvis (Shaftesbury) 17.

BOXING

CANNES: Super-middleweight (10 rnds): Christophe Tiozzo (Fr) bt Lezzie Morgan (US), pts.

CRICKET

AUSTRALIAN UNDER-19 TOUR: Winchester College: Australian Under-19 317-4 dec (G Bloodworth 109, D Martyn 80 not out, G Hayne 53); Bull Development Squad 120 (M Lowrey 59; S Cook 4-27) and 157-5 (Lowrey 78 not out).

FOOTBALL

MAKITA TOURNAMENT: West Ham 1, Sampdoria 6; Arsenal 1, Panathinaikos 0. Final: *Arsenal 1, Sampdoria 1* (Sampdoria won 3-2 on pens). Third place play-off: West Ham 1, Panathinaikos 1 (Panathinaikos won 3-2 on pens).

TOUR MATCH: United States 2, Sheffield Wednesday 0 (in Philadelphia).

KILMARNOCK: Four-team tournament: Rangers 1, Coventry 1 (Rangers won 4-3 on pens). Third-place play-off: Coventry 1, Sparta Rotterdam 2. Final: Kilmarnock 1, Rangers 3.

PRE-SEASON MATCHES: Ayr 1, Swansea 2; Bournemouth 0, Portsmouth 1; Dundee 0, Wimbledon 0; Darlington 0, Bank Ostravia, 1; Fulham 3, Crystal Palace 2; Glentoran 0, Everton 6; Hearts 3, Real Sociedad 1; St Mirren 1, Oxford Utd 0; Tranmere 0, Oldham 1; Watford 2, Norwich 0; Morton 1, Newcastle 4; Enfield 7, Brentford 1; Scarborough 1, Shrewsbury 1; Wigan 1, Blackpool 1; Preston 1, Blackburn 1; Hibernian 2, Chelsea 2; Celtic 1, Tottenham 0; Shamrock Rovers 1, Port Vale 0; St Patricks Athletic 0, Middlesbrough 2.

HERTS CHARITY SHIELD: Royston Town 0, Tring Town 1.

GERMAN LEAGUE: Duisburg 1, VfB Stuttgart 0; Bochum 2, Cologne 2; Bayer Leverkusen 1, Borussia Mönchengladbach 0; Dynamo Dresden 0, Kaiserslautern 1; Schalke 0, Hamburg 0; Fortuna Düsseldorf 1, Eintracht Frankfurt 2; Hansa Rostock 4, Nuremberg 0; Werder Bremen 1, Bayern Munich 1; Karlsruhe 2, Borussia Dortmund 2; Stuttgarter Kickers 3, Waldhof-schoed 0.

SWISS LEAGUE: St Gallen 0, Sion 2; Aarau 0, Lausanne 3; FC Zurich 0, Lucerne 1; Servette 1, Wettlingen 1; Lugano 1, Young Boys 4; Neuchâtel Xamax 2, Grasshoppers 1. Leading positions (after 3 matches): 1, Lausanne, 5pts; 2, Sion, 5, 3, Grasshoppers, 4.

FRENCH LEAGUE: Caen 1, Auxerre 0; Rennes 1, Marseille 2; Paris Saint-Germain 1, Le Havre 1; Sochaux 1, St Etienne 0; Metz 4, Toulouse 0; Toulon 0, Nantes 2; Lille 2, Nancy 1; Nimes 0, Lens 2; Lyon 1, Montpellier 0. Leading positions: 1, Marseille, played 4, 7pts; 2, Monaco, 3, 6; 3, Metz, 4, 6.

POLISH LEAGUE: Slask Wroclaw 1, Lech Poznan 2; Gornik Zabrze 2, Zagiebie Lubin 0; Pagrotour Debica 0, Wisla Krakow 4; Stal Mielec 0, Widzew Lodz 1; Gks Katowice 3, Stalowa Wola 0; LKS Lodz 3, Zawisza Bydgoszcz 0; Hutnik Krakow 2, Zagiebie Sosnowiec 1; Olimpia Poznan 1, Legia Warsaw 1; Motor Lublin 2, Ruch Chorzow 1.

AUSTRIAN LEAGUE: Vorwaerts Steyr 4, Admira Wacker 1; Sturm Graz 2, Vienna 1; DSV Alpine 3, Rapid 2; Austria Wien 2, Kremser SC 1; VSE St Poelten 1, Austria Salzburg 2; FCS Tirol 4, FC Stahl Linz 3.

ASIAN OLYMPIC QUALIFYING TOURNAMENT: Group B: Oman 1, India 1.

GOLF

WELSH AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP: S Pardoe (Goring and Streatley) bt S P Jones (Cardiff), 7 and 5 (at Ashburnham).

SCOTTISH AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP: G Lowson (Auchterarder) bt L Salariya (Downfield), 4 and 3 (at Downfield).

VIENNA, Ohio: Phar-Mor of Youngstown women's tournament: Second round: (US unless stated): M Inkster, 70, 65, 135; P Bradley, 69, 66; D Ammeccapane, 66, 72, 138; D Mochrie, 69, 70; D Richard, 70, 69; J Geddes, 69, 70; D Eggleroy, 73, 65; T Green, 71, 68, 140; M McGeorge, 71, 69; S Little, 72, 68; C Pegg-Cornell, 69, 71; P Kirsch, 67, 73, 141; S Steinhauer, 71, 70; M Hause, 73, 68; D Coe, 71, 70; A Miller, 71, 70; B Thomas, 70, 71; Colleen Walker, 71, 70; G Graham, 70, 71; K Postlewait, 73, 68. Brittles: 142: K Davies, 72, 70, 143: P Wright, 67, 76, 145: S Maynor, 73, 72.

TOKYO: *NST Open tournament: (all Japanese):* 278: A Yokoyama, 73, 67, 69, 69. 280: H Kase, 69, 69, 71, 71; K Suzuki, 67, 72, 69, 73. 281: N Suga, 74, 70, 68, 69. 282: H Makino, 72, 73, 69, 68; Y Noguchi, 67, 72, 74, 69; O Machino, 72 70, 69, 71; S Ebihara, 70, 68, 71, 73.

HOCKEY

KUALA LUMPUR: Asian tournament: India 3, Soviet Union 0; New Zealand 2, South Korea 0; Pakistan 8, Malaysia 3. Final positions: 1, India, 10pts; 2, Pakistan, 9; 3, Soviet Union, 4; 4, New Zealand, 3; 5, Malaysia, 3; 6, South Korea, 2.

MOTOCROSS

MOTALA, Sweden: 250cc Grand Prix: 1, P Johansson (Sweden), Yamaha; 2, T Parker (Italy), Honda; 3, M Hansson (Sweden), Kawasaki; 4, P Vahlqvist (Finland), Yamaha; 5, M Fahlon (Italy), Honda; 6, J Nilsson (Sweden), Honda. Second race: 1, M Healy (France), KTM; 2, M Servaes (Belgium), Kawasaki; 3, Vehkonen; 4, Hansson, 5, J Dobb (GB), Yamaha; 6, D Strijbos (Neth), Suzuki.

Overall: equal 1: Vehkonen and Hansson, 28pts, equal 3, Healy and Johansson, 25; 5, Parker, 24; 6, Servaes, 20. Championship standings (after 11): 1, Parker, 217 points; equal 2, A Pizar (It) Suzuki, 204; 2 equal, Healy, 204; 4, Sarpoa, 181; 5, Johansson, 179; 6, Servaes, 178.

MOTORCYCLING

DONNINGTON PARK: 500cc British Grand Prix (30 laps, 75 miles): 1, D Schwantz (US), 47:12.18 (95.16mph); 2, W Rainey (US), 47:12.97; 3, M Doohan (Aus), 47.31.37; 4, J Kocinski (US), 47.37.03; 5, W Gardner (Aus), 47:41.79; 6, E Lawson (US), 47:43.59; 7, N Mackenzie (GB), 47.47.53. Other Britons: 11, E Laycock, 47:50.72; 12, R Haslam, 48:44.78. World championship positions: 1: Rainey, 185pts; 2, Doohan, 175; 3, Schwantz, 156. 250cc (28 laps, 104.520 kms): 1, L Castellani (It), 42min 03.081sec (at 148.779 kph); 2, C Cardus (Sp), 42.09.81s; 3, H Duval (Ger), 42:11.218; 4, M Shimizu (Japan), 42.30.085; 5, W Zeelenberg (Neth), 42.37.744; 6, M Wimmer (Ger), 42:48.544. British: 18, K Mitchell, 43:49.54. World championship positions (after 11 rounds): 1, Castellani, 169 points; 2, Brady, 173; 3, Cardus, 157; 4, Zeelenberg 134. 125cc (24 laps, 60 miles): 1, L Cepirossi (It), 41min 38sec (at 86.68 mph); 2, F Grasini (It), 41.43.25; 3, P Oeti (Ger), 41:49.46; 4, G Debbia (It), Aprilia, 42:1.05; 5, N Ueda (Japan), 42:7.07; 6, J Martinez (Sp), 42:7.27. British: 20, R Appleyard, 42:23.57. World championship positions: 1, Cepirossi, 177pts; 2, Grasini, 153; 3, R Waldermann, 120. Sidecars (24 laps, 96.480km): 1, R Biland and Kurt Waltisperg (Switz), LCR, 38min 24.1 (at 150.6kph); 2, 148.298 kph; 2, S Webster and G Simmons (GB), LCR, 39:36.933; 3, E Streuer and P Brown (Neth and GB), LCR, 40:03.431. World championship (after nine rounds): 1, Webster, 134pts; 2, Biland, 128; 3, Streuer, 93.

RALLYING

RAC CHAMPIONSHIP: Sprint (Kirkistown, Northern Ireland), 1, J Harris (Pilbeam), 55.45sec, 2, N Bigwood (Talisman), 55.97; 3, J Gray (Pilbeam), 56.06. Championship positions: Points: Eights: 2, C Hill, 55; 3, R Ames, 50. Hill Climb (Craigantlet, Northern Ireland): 1, M Griffiths (Pilbeam), 38.73sec (record); 2, M Harvey (Pilbeam), 39.29; 3, J Harris (Pilbeam), 40.56. Championship positions: 1, Griffiths, 92pts; 2, R Rowan, 87; 3, R Lane, 85.

PAN AMERICAN GAMES

CUBA: Men: Kayak (500m): 1, A Perez (Cuba), 1min 40.55sec. Canoe (500m): 1, A Sliega (Cuba), 1.57.87. Double Kayak (500m): Final: 1, P Fernandez (Cuba), 1min 35.28sec. Double Canoe (500m): Final: 1, I Zamora (Cuba), 1min 45.48sec. Kayak (1,000m): 1, M Herbst (US), 3min 43.81sec. Canoe (1,000m): 1, A Sliega (Cuba), 4.06.19. Women: Kayak (500m): Final: 1, C Kennedy (Can), 2min 2.46sec. Double Kayak (500m): Final: 1, D Kennedy (Can), 1min 49.59sec. Men: 20km walk: H Moreno (Col), 1hr 24min 58sec.

POWERBOATING

DUNAUJVAROS, Hungary: World Inland circuit series: Third round: 1, M Werner (Ger), average speed, 46.11mph; 2, J Hill (GB), 47.03; 3, P Eriksson (Swe), 46.98; 4 A Elliott (GB), 46.86; 5, F Bocca (It), 46.78; 6, P Kronegard (Swe), 46.53

ROWING

LAKE BLESSINGTON, Dublin: Home International: Women: Coxed fours: 1, Scotland, 8min 02sec; 2, England, 8:03, 3, Ireland, 8:09. Coxless pairs: 1, Scotland, 8:45; 2, Ireland, 8:54; 3, England, 8:57. Lightweight sculls: 1, England, 9:43; 2, Ireland, 10:35; 3, Scotland, 11:39. Single sculls: 1, Ireland, 9:28; 2, England, 9:29; 3, Scotland, 12:04. Team result: 1, Scotland, 12 pts (winners on more event wins); equal 2, England and Ireland, 12. Men: Lightweight coxless fours: 1, Ireland, 6:55, 2, England, 6:57, 3, Scotland, 6:59. Double sculls: 1, Ireland, 7:20; 2, England, 7:23, 3, Scotland, 7:47, 4, Wales, 7:48. Coxless pairs: 1, Ireland, 7:42; 2, England, 7:43; 3, Scotland, 8:26; 4, Wales, 8:37. Lightweight single sculls: 1, Ireland, 7:33; 2, England, 7:49, 3, Scotland, 8:00. Single sculls: 1, Scotland, 8:12; 2, England, 8:14; 3, Ireland, 8:48. Eights: 1, Ireland, 6:05; 2, England, 6:13; 3, Wales, 6:14; 4, Scotland, 6:23. Team result: 1, Ireland, 22 pts; 2, England, 18, 3, Scotland, 13, 4, Wales, 4.

HENLEY TOWN AND VISITORS REGATTA: Eights: Open: London, 1l, 3min 14sec. Senior One: Upper Thames, 1l, 3.23. Senior Two: London, 1l, 3.25. Senior Three: Molesey, 1l, 3.33. Coxless fours: Open: Gloucester, 1l, 3.40. Senior One: Gloucester, 1l, 3.43. Senior Two: Vesta, 1l, 3.52. Coxed fours: Open: Eton Excelsior, Samuel, 3.52. Senior Two: Royal House (Aus), 3l, 3.53. Senior Three: Walton, 2¼l, 3.51. Women's Senior Two: Reading, 2l, 4.22. Women's Senior Three: Bedford, 1¼l, no time. Senior One: Coxless pairs: Marlow, 1½l, 4.02. Senior One: Double sculls: Upper Thames, 2¼l, 4.08. Sculls: Open: P Berg (Nor), 2l, 4.21. Senior One: Berg, 2½l, 4.09. Senior Two: R Rull (Upper Thames), 1½l, 4.20. Senior Three: A Lartiman (Tideway Scullers), 1½l, 4.05. Women's Senior Three: E Jones (Upper Thames), 4l, 5.26.

RUGBY LEAGUE

WINFIELD CUP: Norths 0, Manly 15, Illawarra 44, Cronulla 6, Balmain 35, Easts 8; Parramatta 22, Souths 18; Brisbane 40, Parramatta 16, Penrith 12, Canterbury 8, Gold Coast 10, Canberra 18, Wests 6, St George 6

RUGBY UNION

International match: Zimbabwe 19 Namibia 22 (at Harare)

SNOOKER

STOKE: Rothmans grand prix: First round: P Daubney (Eng) bt C Cookson (Eng), 5-2; D Pinbow (Eng) bt R Grace (SA), 5-2; A Davies (Wales) wo P Watchorn (Ire), scr; P Devlin (Wales) wo M Watterson (Eng), scr; J Donnelly (Scot) bt P Wykes (Eng), 5-4; N Wallex (Eng) bt B Kelly (Ire), 5-1; K Payne (Eng) bt J Fitzmaurice (Eng), 5-3; M Fisher (Eng) bt V McCluskey (Eng), 5-3, G Miles (Eng) bt S Prest (Eng), 5-3; P Lines (Eng) br J Rea (Scot), 5-1, P Ebdon (Eng) bt G Cripsey (Eng), 5-0; M Davis (Eng) bt E Sinclair (Scot), 5-2; R Marcel (Eng) bt T Whitthread (Eng), 5-3; J Murphy (N Ire) bt T Dann (Eng), 5-0; S Longworth (Eng) bt P McPhillips (Scot), 5-2; D Sheehan (Ire) bt T Finstad (Can), 5-4. Second round: D Pinbow (Eng) bt P Browne (Ire), 5-0; N Wallex (Eng) bt P Medcalf (Eng), 5-0; N Terry (Eng) br G Miles (Eng), 5-2; S Campbell (Scot) bt M Fisher (Eng), 5-2; P Daubney (Eng) bt S Murphy (Ire), 5-4; J Wright (Eng) bt J Donnelly (Scot), 5-3; T Wilson (Eng) bt K Payne (Eng), 5-4; P Gibson (Eng) bt A Dt A Davies (Wales), 5-4; A Cheema (India) bt M Gau

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Russell makes way for Stewart as England's Test cricket selectors create room for a recall of the champion of lost causes

Botham charged with an Oval rescue mission

By Alan Lee
Cricket Correspondent

THE England cricket selectors have responded positively but unevenly to their dilemma. The team for the final Cornhill Test match against West Indies at the Oval, which starts on Thursday, will show up to five changes from the one that lost at Edgbaston. To widespread public approval, they include the return of Ian Botham.

Dusting off the cobwebs, the champion of lost causes will play his 98th Test, and his first for two years, in a match England must win to square the series. The pleasure of seeing Botham back is, however, diluted by the shameful decision to accommodate him by dropping the best wicket-keeper in international cricket.

Just as they did, singularly unsuccessfully, in Australia last winter, England have sacrificed Jack Russell, theoretically as an attacking move but actually for negative reasons. They were not prepared to risk using Botham as one of six specialist batsmen, or as one of only four bowlers, and so Russell, the convenient fall-guy, has been jettisoned at the very time when his skills may be most needed, over five unbroken days, on a fast pitch and with an attacking spin bowler in the side.

Alec Stewart is recalled to keep wicket, and to bat at six or seven, in a team which also sees the welcome return of Phil Tufnell, after a spell in the punishment block, and of Robin Smith after injury. Graeme Hick, Allan Lamb and Richard Illingworth are left out, along with Russell, and no place has been found for David Gower.

England team

	Age	Tests
G A Gooch (Essex, capt)	38	89
M A Atherton (Lancashire)	23	17
I T Botham (Worcs)	35	97
P A J DeFreitas (Lancs)	25	24
D V Lawrence (Gloucs)	33	2
C C Lewis (Leics)	23	5
H Morris (Glamorgan)	37	1
D R Pringle (Essex)	28	25
M R Ramprakash (Middx)	21	4
R A Smith (Hampshire)	27	26
A J Stewart (Surrey)	28	12
P C R Tufnell (Middx)	26	4

The suspicion that both captain and manager remain unconvinced by Gower's motivation is thus borne out. This was the perfect stage for him, with an occasion and a pitch both likely to produce his inimitable best, and I fancy his inclusion would have planted just a shade of apprehension in the opposition. Such a platform is unlikely to occur again in the near future, so the possibility that he has been pensioned off for good seems, sadly, to have increased.

Hugh Morris is such an amiable man and such a worthy player that nobody in the game will begrudge him a second chance after his failures in his first Test at Edgbaston. Similarly, everyone will be delighted for him if he now makes runs but for this single, demanding game, Gower would surely have been a more appropriate choice.

Botham will, inevitably, have been the name on the lips of every cricket follower when the party was named. He retains a following of a size and idolatory matched by no other modern cricketer. It has survived declines of form, fitness and conduct in such a way that there will be many ready to believe this critical match can now be won when, without him, it could not.

He might easily have been back for the fourth Test but for his curious mix of inertia and indolence under the gaze of Micky Stewart in a county game. Although his form for Worcestershire has not been outstanding since the season's early weeks, he has been consistent, and if his inclusion was still in the balance on Friday, his 81 against the best seam bowling attack in county cricket probably swung the issue.

He gives Graham Gooch a valuable fifth bowling option, albeit at a more sedate pace than many of his absentee worshippers will visualise, while his middle-order batting retains the power to alter the course of a day. The West Indians will not feel secure with Botham around, which is as good a reason as any for selecting him.

Robin Smith was always certain to be back once he had overcome the natural anxiety of batting with a flaked and vulnerable finger and, if ever there was a game to justify such a risk, this is it. His brother, Chris, will have been considered, too, but choosing a player now seeing out the last days of his career before emigrating to Australia may have been thought too bizarre.

Michael Atherton thus remains, hopefully with an injection of confidence from his century in the Roses match on Saturday, but the two persistent failures in the middle-order, Hick and Lamb, have gone. Hick was an obvious casualty and will undoubtedly be back, perhaps even as early as the Test against Sri Lanka later this month. But Lamb, who might easily have been dropped sooner, could paradoxically be thought unlucky to be omitted now, when conditions and expectations are likely to suit him. It is not impossible that he has played his last Test.

Lawrence is again preferred to Malcolm as the turbo-charged component of the attack and this time must surely find a place in the final eleven, probably at the expense of Pringle. Tufnell's comeback was inevitable on form, even before his seven wickets on Saturday; it could only have been vetoed if the corrective isolation theory, employed after his eccentric behaviour on tour, had been taken to vindictive and self-defeating extremes.

A chainsmoker with stubble, a rebel with insolent eyes and barrow-boy banter, Tufnell is, most relevantly, a highly gifted spin bowler whom John Emburey now believes to be the best in the country. If his confidence and variety is encouraged he could trouble the West Indian batsmen sorely, but it will not help him to have as his most important ally a wicketkeeper who has not donned the gloves in a first-class match this season.

Anyone who spent last winter in Australia must have thought they had seen the last of the ill-fated experiment with Alec Stewart. When the job was thrust on him for two Tests he not only proved an inadequate wicketkeeper but found his batting compromised to a point where he made only 29 runs in four innings. To repeat the folly now is almost as unfair on Stewart, whose batting is worthy of contention in its own right, as it is on Russell, who will rightly be devastated.

Ted Dexter, the chairman of the England committee, described yesterday's squad selection as a "high-risk strategy". What he did not say was that one of the greatest risks was entirely of their own making and should never have been contemplated.

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PHIL O'BRIEN



Shades of the Oval: Botham, in reflective mood after a Test recall, talks to the former England captain, Bob Willis, at Trent Bridge yesterday

Botham record poor

IAN Botham has been unable to reproduce his form against other countries in Test matches with West Indies.

In all Tests, Botham has scored 5,119 runs at an average of 34.35 and taken 376 wickets, at 28.27 each. Against West Indies, he has a batting average of only 21.02 and his 58 wickets have cost him 35.84 apiece.

He has scored 14 centuries in his 97 Tests but none was against West Indies. In 19 matches against them, his highest innings is 81 — at Lord's in 1984, when he returned his best bowling figures against West Indies, eight for 103. He has only three five-wicket innings against them.

When Botham last played Tests against West Indies, in the Caribbean in 1985-6, he scored only 168 runs and took just 11 wickets in the series.

Promising Seymour gives defiant display

By Richard Streeton

CHELMSFORD (second day of three; West Indians won toss): The West Indians, with six second-innings wickets in hand, are 178 runs ahead of Essex

FOR the second successive day the Chelmsford ground yesterday was virtually filled to its 5,500 capacity. It was an occasion when the honours for Essex were shared between Graham Gooch, the seasoned campaigner, and Adam Seymour, one of their most promising newcomers. These two ensured that Essex avoided the follow on.

In their last county game before the final Test match, the West Indians gained a first-innings lead of 118 runs. They struggled a little, though, when they went in again. Four wickets went down in the 21 overs remaining before the end.

Richardson fell to a good, leaping catch by Such at extra cover and then Richards was leg-before to Pringle as he tried to turn a ball to the legside. In the final 20 minutes Such, the off-spinner, had Hooper held at mid-off and Haynes at silly point. For once a county's fixture with the touring team is providing competitive cricket.

Gooch, who held himself back until No. 6, scored 66 and was finally responsible for making certain that Essex avoided the follow-on. It was the left-hander Seymour, who defiantly carried the standard virtually alone earlier, with 74 made up of some delightful strokes.

Essex made an uncertain start on a docile pitch after the West Indians had declared at their overnight total. Yet Seymour drove and glanced all the bowlers with surprising coolness and certainty. He is 23 and a product of Millfield. Ten days ago he made 157 against Glamorgan with considerable panache and his innings yesterday underlined his obvious potential.

Otherwise the Essex batting until Gooch came in was undistinguished. Hussain helped to add 61 for the fourth wicket before he was caught when he flicked carelessly at a legside ball. But Gooch raised the batting to a new plane with several commanding strokes and was especially severe on Simmons.

Seymour was fifth out in the 49th over, immediately after he off-drove Richards for six. He pushed forward at the next ball and was caught behind. Seymour hit a six and nine fours and batted nearly three hours. Gooch, who hit eight fours, edged an outswinger from Ambrose

WEST INDIES: First Innings

P V Simmons lbw b Pringle	51
C Lambert c and b Such	116
P J L Dujon not out	142
†D A Williams c Andrew b Pringle	24
H A G Anthony c Childs b Andrew	0
D L Haynes not out	23
Extras (lb 5, w 1, nb 5)	11
Total (4 wkts dec)	367

R B Richardson, *†I V A Richards, C L Hooper, C E L Ambrose, and I B A Allen did not bat.*

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-93, 2-225, 3-296, 4-299.

BOWLING: Andrew 19-1-80-1; Pringle 16-4-48-2; Gooch 13-4-46-0; Childs 19-8-64-0; Stephenson 10-2-37-0; Such 28-8-76-1.

Second Innings

D L Haynes c Hussain b Such	19
R B Richardson c Such b Andrew	5
*†I V A Richards lbw b Pringle	23
C L Hooper c Stephenson b Such	12
C Lambert not out	0
P V Simmons not out	0
Extras (nb 1)	1
Total (4 wkts)	60

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-15, 2-47, 3-59, 4-60.

ESSEX: First Innings

A C Seymour c Williams b Richards	74
J P Stephenson c Simmons b Ambrose	0
*P J Prichard c Williams b Anthony	5
Salim Malik b Simmons	9
N Hussain c Williams b Simmons	28
*G A Gooch c Williams b Ambrose	66
†M A Garnham c Anthony b Hooper	12
D R Pringle not out	31
S J V. Andrew c Simmons b Ambrose	0
J H Childs c Richards b Hooper	1
P M Such b Ambrose	4
Extras (lb 4, w 1, nb 14)	19
Total	249

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-4, 2-34, 3-45, 4-106, 5-153, 6-192, 7-231, 8-231, 9-234.

BOWLING: Ambrose 14.5-6-29-4; Allen 10-1-27-0; Simmons 23-4-84-2, Anthony 10-1-23-1; Richards 13-3-49-1; Hooper 12-1-33-2.

Umpires: G I Burgess and N T Plews.

Lamb vows to make the runs come

ALLAN Lamb was in positive mood yesterday despite receiving the news that he had lost his England place for the final Test match against West Indies at the Oval.

"My aim is to play Test cricket and I feel there is a couple of good years left in me," he said. "I've had a poor run but I haven't altered my technique and I will continue to work at my game to change things round and make the runs come. Graham Gooch had a bad time in 1987 and came through and I'm confident I can do the same."

The Northamptonshire batsman, aged 37, said he was pleased at Ian Botham's recall. "Good luck to him. He was unlucky with his early-season injury but he has been in the runs and will be determined to square the series along with the rest of the lads."

Alec Stewart admitted to surprise after being called up to take over the wicketkeeping from Jack Russell. Stewart has not kept wicket in championship cricket this season but has been behind the stumps in all Surrey's one-day games.

"Obviously I am very pleased but a bit surprised," Stewart said.

"Graham [Gooch] rang me yesterday and asked about my keeping and I told him I was keeping in all the one-day games and he said he was going to make a decision from there. My batting has been going well and I am quite happy with the way I am playing."



Stewart: surprised

S African athletes denied

By David Powell, Athletics Correspondent

SOUTH African athletes should now give up all hope of competing in the world championships in Tokyo from August 24 to September 1, Gert Le Roux, the director of the South African Amateur Athletic Union (SAAAU), said yesterday. Le Roux was speaking after a meeting with SAAA Congress officials in Port Elizabeth on Saturday, at which Union representatives had hoped for a vote against participation, taken the previous weekend, would be reversed.

Instead, the Congress reaffirmed its stance, supporting the SAAA Board and therefore out-voting the Union on the new unified governing body, the SAAA Association. According to Henry Cloete, its president, the Congress had taken a poll of athletes., though details of who they were and how many are represented have not been forthcoming from the Congress. "None of our athletes will go to Tokyo now," Le Roux said.

The decision puts South Africa's participation in athletics at the 1992 Barcelona Olympics in greater jeopardy. If the International Amateur Athletic Federation's invitation to South Africa to compete in Tokyo had been accepted, the IAAF Congress would have almost certainly voted it back into full membership. But, after its meeting in a fortnight's time, the Congress is not scheduled to convene again in time to grant the necessary readmission to compete in Barcelona.

The SAAAA will send a four-man delegation — one each from Congress, Board and Union as well as Le Roux — to the IAAF Congress. "We must try to get affiliated there because, after that, we are not sure what the attitude will be," Le Roux said.

The SAAAA does not have to send its reply to the IAAF's Tokyo invitation until August 14. Joe Stutzen, the Union president, is still clinging to hope. "Joe has said it is not final yet but in my mind there is no doubt we will not be going." Le Roux said.

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Montgomerie merits top prize

From Mel Webb
in Drottningholm

AFTER a long struggle on a hot and sticky Swedish afternoon, Colin Montgomerie came from behind to win the Scandinavian Masters golf tournament here yesterday with a final round of 67 and a total of 270, 18 under par.

The £100,000 Montgomerie won was still not enough to put him at the top of the European order of merit, however. Severiano Ballesteros, in second place a stroke behind following a final, blistering round of 64, took £66,660 away with him and has now won £307,734 to Montgomerie's £275,015.

Montgomerie, though, was not thinking about large piles of currency as he claimed the second victory of his professional career. The former Walker Cup player was much more interested in the fact that he had beaten Ballesteros at last, after losing to the Spaniard in a play-off for the Volvo PGA championship in May.

Ballesteros, who was prey to the worst wayward excesses of his game during a disjointed 73 on Saturday, knew he would have to play one of the rounds of his life to stand any chance of victory. He almost did it, too, as he collected an eagle and half-a-dozen birdies in his 64.

In fact, as the afternoon went on, it looked as though the tournament was taking a steady tramp into play-off country as Ballesteros, out 14 groups from the end, sat in the clubhouse and defied the others to catch him.

Ian Woosnam had looked the most likely winner as he moved into the final day holding a two-stroke lead, but could not maintain the putting consistency he had achieved 24 hours before. He opened with six pars, birdied the 7th, but never recovered after dropping a shot at the 8th.

A few minutes earlier, Montgomerie, who started the day four strokes off the pace and had picked up two birdies in the first three holes, had birdied the 8th with five-iron to 20 feet and a single putt to go to 17 under par.

Montgomerie did not look back after that. He had birdies at the 10th and 12th with putts of 12 and ten feet to go to 19 under par, and not even a dropped shot at the 13th could shake him out of his equilibrium.

As Woosnam faded behind him, Montgomerie must have realised that his only genuine rival had left the course a couple of hours or more before. Ballesteros might still have been favourite to win had the tournament gone to a play-off. In the event, Montgomerie played the last three holes so soundly that it never came to that.

David Feherty and Steven Richardson — like Woosnam and Ballesteros, off to the US PGA championship at Crooked Stick this week — will go to the United States in good heart. Feherty was fifth, three shots behind the winner, and Richardson was stroke further back after a closing 68.

Montgomerie, meanwhile, will take the week off. Before this tournament he had been in the top ten eight times this season. At the ninth time of asking, he made it, at last, to the top.

**LEADING FINAL SCORES (GB and Ire unless stated): 270: C Montgomerie, 68, 65, 70, 67. 271: S Ballesteros (Sp), 70, 64, 73, 64. 272: R Karlsson (Swe), 71, 65, 69, 68; I Woosnam, 67, 69, 63, 73. 273: D Feherty, 71, 67, 70, 65. 274: R Clayton, 70, 70, 66, 68; P. U Johansson (Swe), 70, 68, 71, 67; S Richardson, 66, 69, 71, 68; F Couples, (US), 74, 67, 71, 68; K Eriksson (Swe, am), 72, 66, 66, 69; P Broadhurst, 65, 69, 71, 69; M McNulty, (Zim), 71, 65, 69, 69; B Ogle (Aus), 70, 66, 63, 70; D James, 69, 65, 68, 73. 275: R Davis (Aus), 71, 68, 69, 67; P Mitchell, 70, 67, 69, 69. 276: G Hallberg (US), 69, 71, 65, 71. 277: P Fowler (Aus), 70, 67, 72, 68; P Senior (Aus), 69, 68, 73, 67; M McLean, 71, 66, 71, 69; J Haggerty 71, 69, 69, 68; D Williams, 69, 68, 70, 70; P Teravainen (US), 72, 67, 68, 70; C Rocca (It), 69, 69, 67, 72; J Rystrom (Swe), 71, 67, 67, 72; A Sherborne, 67, 67, 70, 73. 278: G Lane, 72, 69, 69, 68; M Martin (Sp), 67, 71, 71, 69; M Clayton (Aus), 69, 69, 70, 70; M Pavon, 69, 66, 69, 72; J Haeggman (Swe), 66, 70, 69, 73; M Roe, 69, 64, 71, 74. 279: D Mijovic (Can), 69, 69, 71, 70; P O'Malley (Aus), 72, 68, 70, 69; D J Russell, 71, 70, 70, 68; K Weston, 70, 70, 71, 69; P Price, 71, 70, 67, 71; K Trimble (Aus), 68, 70, 71, 70; C Parry (Aus), 68, 72, 67, 71; F Nobilo (NZ), 69, 70, 68, 72; P Carrigill, 69, 69, 68, 73; V Fernandez (Arg), 69, 68, 69, 74. 280: R Chapman, 74, 65, 72, 69; P Curry, 71, 68, 72, 69; P Way, 72, 68, 70, 69; G Brand Jr, 68, 72, 70, 70; M Harwood (Aus), 68, 71, 70, 71; M Miller, 71, 69, 69, 71; D Cooper, 65, 72, 70, 73; S Luna (Sp), 71, 68, 72, 74; S Bennett, 73, 66, 66, 75. 281: A Binaghi (It), 71, 68, 74, 68; S Stephen, 69, 67, 74, 71; E Darcy, 68, 73, 70, 72; P Baker, 70, 70, 69, 72; J Cocores (Arg), 67, 74, 68, 72. 282: C Williams 71, 69, 70, 72; A Saavedra (Arg), 74, 67, 73, 68; E Romero (Arg), 70, 69, 74, 69; T Chamley, 71, 69, 73, 69; C O'Connor Jr, 72, 68, 73, 69; O Sellberg (Swe), 67, 72, 73, 70; M Kuramoto (Japan), 68, 69, 74, 74; D Gilford, 69, 68, 71, 74. 283: V Forsbrand (Swe), 67, 74, 74, 68; M Hallberg (Swe), 71, 69, 72, 71; M Hoogberg (Swe), 72, 68, 72, 71; P Heddlom (Swe), 72, 69, 71, 71; D Smyth, 71, 70, 70, 72; A Murray, 71, 70, 69, 73. 284: C Moody 70, 67, 75, 71; H Hartmann (US), 69, 67, 76, 72; J Hawksworth, 73, 68, 70, 73. 285: G J Turner (NZ), 72, 68, 75, 71.

Anything Faldo does Dawson does better

NICK Faldo scored a seven-under-par 65 to move within two strokes of the leader after the third round of the Buick Open in Grand Blanc, Michigan. Faldo hit eight birdies and one bogey as he warmed up for the US PGA Championship later this week.

"I played well and putted well," Faldo said. "I have spent a lot of time on the putting green this week and have tried to get my hand position a little bit better on the putter."

Faldo was still upstaged by Marco Dawson, a first-year American professional, who created the surprise of the third round with a 64 that took him two shots clear of the English player and another American, Chip Beck.

LEADING THIRD ROUND SCORES (US unless stated): 200: M Dawson, 68, 70, 64. 202: N Faldo (GB), 68, 69, 65; C Beck, 67, 67, 68. 203: G Norman (Aus), 67, 65, 71; W Britton, 69, 69, 65; H Twitty, 71, 66, 66. 204: T Simpson, 72, 68, 64; H Sutton, 69, 69, 66; L Janzen, 71, 65, 68; G Sauers, 67, 68, 69. 205: W Grady (Aus), 68, 66, 71; L Wadkins, 69, 69, 67; B Norton, 70, 70, 65; B Bryant, 73, 65, 68; D Waldorf, 68, 68, 69; B Faxon, 68, 68, 71; S Hoch, 63, 70, 72.

United to sign Parker

PAUL Parker, the Queen's Park Rangers and England defender, will complete a £1.75 million transfer to Manchester United, the European Cup Winners' Cup holders, after a medical examination today (Dennis Signy writes).

Parker, aged 27, cost Rangers £300,000 from Fulham in 1987. He agreed to join United in preference to Tottenham Hotspur and will sign a five-year contract.

Terry Venables, the chief executive of Tottenham, is expected to contact Chelsea about Gordon Durie, the Scotland forward, as a possible partner for Gary Lineker.

☐ Manchester City have agreed to pay Wimbledon £2 million for the defender, Keith Curle. The deal will not be finalised until City return from the club tour of Ireland.

☐ Watford today finalise a £2.5 million ground-sharing scheme with the non-League club, Wealdstone.

☐ Middlesbrough have completed the £50,000 transfer of Curtis Fleming, the Republic of Ireland under-21 international full back, from St Patrick's Athletic.

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